SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

The following declaration is issued by Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County:

WHEREAS, based on public health guidance from the World Health Organization, the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Department of Health and Human

Services, and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services a number of State

and Local declarations of state of emergency have been issued to limit local public gatherings

and the operations of specified businesses in an effort to promote social distancing to slow the

spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated March 12, 2020 a Local State of Emergency was declared activating the local Emergency Management Plan and said order remains in effect.

WHEREAS, a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been detected among Register of Deeds personnel and the Register of Deeds has requested that the office be ordered closed for inperson services for three business days to allow time for decontamination and staff medical review.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Ch. 21, Buncombe County Code of Ordinances and Article 1A of the N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, the Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare and order that the Buncombe County Register of Deeds Office is hereby authorized and directed to close for in-person services on December 21, 2020, December 22, 2020 and December 23, 2020. The Buncombe County Register of Deeds office will reopen beginning Tuesday, December 29, 2020 following the Christmas holiday break.

All electronic services will continue to be available, including e-recording.

This Declaration is in addition to the Declarations referenced above and should any provision hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of any competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Declaration that as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Copies of this Declaration shall be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and a copy of this Declaration shall be posted as appropriate.

Adopted this the 20th day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Brownie Newman, Chairman

Lamar Joyner, Clerk