## 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 Buncombe County

declared a Local State of Emergency on March 12, 2020 in an effort to promote social distancing

to slow the spread of COVID-19, and on March 19, 2020 a Supplemental Declaration was made

effective in order to further promote social distancing.

WHEREAS, by Resolution of the Board dated March 17, 2020, the Buncombe County

Register of Deeds office was ordered closed to in-person services until the termination of the

Local State of Emergency.

WHEREAS, a suspected case of COVID-19 has been detected within Register of Deeds staff and the Register of Deeds has requested that the office be ordered closed for two business days to allow time for decontamination.

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 business on Monday, March 23, 2020 and Tuesday,

Tuesday, March 24, 2020. The Buncombe County Register of Deeds office will reopen beginning

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in order to provide services consistent with said Resolution of the

Board of Commissioners dated March 17, 2020 and the Office will continue to be closed to inperson services until the termination of the Local State of Emergency

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.

We direct that copies of this Declaration be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Declaration be posted at the County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

That all of the terms and conditions of the said Local State of Emergency declared on March 12, 2020 and Supplements thereto remain in force and effect.

Adopted this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST: **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE** COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Brownie Newman, Chairman