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**A PROCLAMATION FOR THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 to coordinate the State's response and protective actions to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services confirmed the number of cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina continues to rise; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services confirmed cases of COVID-19 in western North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Lenoir citizens travel to and from those counties and the residents of those counties travel to and from Lenoir regularly, increasing the risks for exposure of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described emergency, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Lenoir under Article IA of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 7, Civil Emergencies of the City of Lenoir Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the City of Lenoir.

Section 2. I hereby authorize the City Manager and/or his designee(s) to take appropriate protective action to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including implementing restrictions, modifications, or alterations to any City operations, services, or facilities, and to take other



protective measures as he deems appropriate, and consistent with guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and in accordance with executive orders issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina.

Section 3. I hereby order all City law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency services personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Caldwell County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the City Council of the City of Lenoir and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

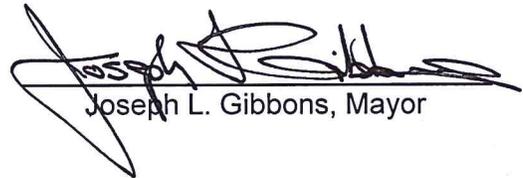
Section 5. This declaration shall take effect on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 AM/PM and shall remain in effect.

DECLARED this the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 AM/PM until modified or rescinded.

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CITY OF LENOIR, NC  
CHARTERED  
JANUARY 28, 1851

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Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor