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## **AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORANGE COUNTY**

**Sec.1.** The undersigned declared the existence of a state of emergency in Orange County pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (“NCGS”) 166A-22 on March 13, 2020 and revised said declaration of emergency on March 25, 2020, April 23, 2020, May 6, 2020, May 21, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 26, 2020, July 9, 2020, and July 17, 2020 (the “Declarations”).

**Sec. 2.** The Governor of North Carolina, through Executive Order 138, began moving the state into Phase 1 of the state’s planned COVID-19 recovery on May 8, 2020; through Executive Order 141 began moving the state into Phase 2 on May 22, 2020; and through Executive Order 147 (“EO 147”) mandated the wearing of face coverings throughout North Carolina.

**Sec. 3.** The undersigned adopted a revised declaration of emergency incorporating the terms of EO 141, with minimal changes, having an effective date of May 22, 2020 and amended that declaration on June 10, 2020 to extend the effective date of the Declarations through August 31, 2020 and to require face coverings in Orange County and adopted EO 147 on June 26, 2020 while maintaining several Orange County specific restrictions. On July 9, 2020 the undersigned determined further restrictions were necessary to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and made Findings in support thereof found in Section 3 of the July 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Declarations.

**Sec. 4.** In consideration of all available data related to the impacts of COVID-19 in Orange County the undersigned, in consultation with the Orange County Health Director, has determined it is in the best interest of the residents of Orange County to **extend the State of Emergency in Orange County through and including October 31, 2020.**

**Sec. 5.** Pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 14 of the Orange County Code of General Ordinances and Chapter 166A of the NCGS, all prohibitions and restrictions specified in the July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the Declarations remain in full force and effect during the ongoing state of emergency unless and until amended and government bodies when conducting meetings shall continue to do so remotely. This Amendment does not apply to state government offices or local education agencies, which are governed directly by the Executive Orders.

**Sec. 6.** A copy of this Amendment shall be provided to the acting Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. Reports of the substance of its prohibitions and restrictions shall be sent immediately to the mass communications media serving Orange County. As soon as practicable, the full text of this Amendment shall be distributed to the mass communications media serving Orange County. A copy of this Amendment shall be posted conspicuously on the Orange County website at [www.orangecountync.gov](http://www.orangecountync.gov). Notice and a signed copy of this Amendment to the Declarations shall be submitted to the Department of Public Safety WebEOC.

**Sec. 7.** This Amendment is effective at 5:00 pm on Wednesday August 19, 2020.



August 19, 2020

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Penny Rich, Chair  
Orange County Board of Commissioners

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Date