

**PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A  
STATE OF EMERGENCY  
IN THE TOWN OF WILSON'S MILLS**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is a severe respiratory illness that is spread from human to human, is highly contagious, and can cause severe injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a National Emergency, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health State of Emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 319 of the Public Health Services Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency in order to coordinate protective actions and to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has confirmed several cases of COVID-19 within the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnston County has issued a Declaration of Emergency and by this declaration, the Town of Wilson's Mills should consent to the application of that declaration within the municipal limits of the Town of Wilson's Mills; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency protective actions are required to provide for the public health and safety and to provide adequate protection for all persons including our businesses, education institutions, government, and emergency responders.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Wilson's Mills, NC under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-20 of the Town of Wilson's Mills Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the Town of Wilson's Mills, NC as more particularly described in the following sections.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the entire jurisdiction of the Town of Wilson's Mills.

**Section 3.** The Emergency Management Plan adopted by Johnston County, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, are placed in effect and shall remain in effect until this Proclamation expires or is rescinded.

**Section 4.** All town law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control are ordered to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, all state and federal laws, all Executive

Orders by and from the Governor of the State of North Carolina and the President of the United States.

**Section 5.** All town law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control are ordered to cooperate in the implementations of the provisions of the County's Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements and to furnish assistance thereunder.

**Section 6.** I hereby authorize the Town Administrator in collaboration with the Chief of Police to take appropriate protective action, including implementing prohibitions, restrictions, evacuations, and curfews in order to maintain public order or to afford adequate protection for lives, safety, or property as needed.

**Section 7.** The following restrictions and prohibitions shall be observed during the proclaimed emergency:


- Movements of people in public places; and
- The operation of offices, business establishments, and other places to or from which people may travel or at which they may congregate; and
- Other activities or conditions, the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives or property during the state of emergency.

**Section 8.** 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 Town Clerk for the Town of Wilson's Mills Council; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

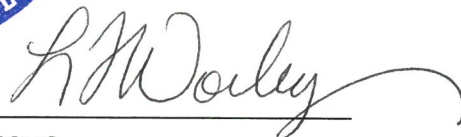
**Section 9.** This declaration shall take effect at 4:00pm on March 18, 2020 and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**Duly proclaimed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020**



  
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Jim Uzzle, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



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Leighanna T. Worley, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Administrator / Municipal Clerk