

# *Town of North Topsail Beach*

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## **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR OF NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally; and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") confirmed cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order No. 116 titled "Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, and subsequently issued Executive Order No. 117 and Executive Order 118 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These Orders include provisions prohibiting mass gatherings, provisions mandating school closures, mandating bar closures and provisions restricting restaurant operations to carry-out, drive through, and delivery services and restricting onsite consumption in outdoor seating areas only. Based upon guidance from CDC and NCDHHS, arrangements must be made to take appropriate action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors of North Topsail Beach will remain safe and secure.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of North Topsail Beach considers the Federal and State governments' responses and protective actions necessary to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors located in North Carolina; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of North Topsail Beach and under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of North Topsail Beach.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be for the territorial limits of the Town of North Topsail Beach.

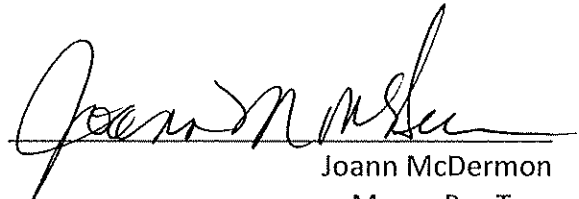
**Section 3.** For the duration of this emergency, the Town of North Topsail Beach encourages and supports guidance issued by the State Government through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

**Section 4.** As of 7:00 PM, March 21<sup>st</sup>, all public beach access parking and town playgrounds will be closed until further notice.

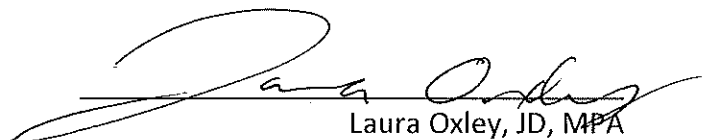
**Section 5.** This declaration shall take effect on the 21st of March 2020 at 7:00 PM and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED** this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2020.

APPROVED:

  
Joann McDermon  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Laura Oxley, JD, MPA  
Town Clerk