



**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR  
THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL**

**WHEREAS**, Pamlico County issued a State of Emergency at 3PM on March 17, 2020, and the Governor of North Carolina, Roy Cooper, issued a State of Emergency by Executive Order 116 on March 10, 2020, and the President of the United States Declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020 for the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described emergency, I have determined that there is a threat of widespread or severe illness, and in extreme cases, loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the control measures contained herein is necessary to maintain order and to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Oriental under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter B, Article 2 of the Town of Oriental Code of General Ordinances,

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the Town of Oriental as more particularly described in Section 2.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be all areas in the Corporate Limits of the Town of Oriental.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

-All Police Officers of the Town or any other Law Enforcement Officers in the Town of Oriental are hereby authorized to deny or restrict any person access to any street, highway, or location in Oriental which is reasonably necessary to promote efforts being made to overcome the emergency or to prevent further aggravation of the emergency.

-All employees of the Town and employees operating in the Town under Pamlico County and NC Emergency Management directives are hereby ordered to comply with the emergency preparedness plan and directives from the Office of the Governor and FEMA as related to this emergency upon execution of this proclamation.

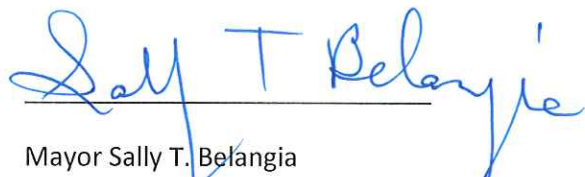
Section 4. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the Clerk of the Town of Oriental, and to be (c) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper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

Section 5. This declaration shall take effect on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 4PM and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED THIS THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020, 3:45PM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Diane H. Miller, MPA, ICMA-CM, Town Clerk

  
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Mayor Sally T. Belangia



The Town's State of Emergency Declaration follows County, State and Federal Declarations.

Guidance from the School of Government says:

Todd Wright and Will Polk with NCEM have confirmed with FEMA legal counsel that FEMA will NOT – I repeat – will NOT require a local state of emergency declaration as a condition for FEMA reimbursement for eligible emergency protective measures (Category B) expenses related to the COVID-19 emergency. This does not mean that you should not consider issuing a local declaration to implement your emergency operations plans and triggering local authorities to impose emergency restrictions and prohibitions as your local officials deem necessary – that is your decision to make based on what you determine best protects the public health and safety of your communities. It does mean that you do not need to declare a local state of emergency for the sole reason of preserving your opportunity for FEMA reimbursement.

Also- this only notes Category B- Emergency Protective Measures- there are several other categories that may become involved.

In addition, Will and Todd have confirmed that a local state of emergency declaration is NOT – I repeat – is NOT required for SBA disaster loan (SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans) assistance for businesses in your communities. Governor Cooper formally requested a SBA declaration last Friday and the state is awaiting approval of that request.

The declaration in no way restricts movement that has not already been declared nationally or NC-wide.

Our declaration followed Pamlico County, Newport, Pine Knoll Shores, Havelock, New Bern, Craven County, Beaufort County, Onslow County, Jacksonville, Hyde County, Dare County, and many others across the State.

In the past, we have been asked for the Declaration when filing FEMA paperwork to recover costs for emergencies. To that end, we enacted a local State of Emergency, IN CASE we need one to request additional resources. In addition, our population is more vulnerable than many other communities due to our demographic, hence the potential to need those additional resources/restrictions.

The rumor mill is going wild- “we’re locked down”, “you can’t go into Oriental”, etc. We have not prevented anyone from travelling freely through Oriental. We ask that all residents and visitors follow the guidelines issued by the CDC and the Governor’s Office for Social Distancing and gathering.



## PAMLICO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

### MEDIA RELEASE

#### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

15-March-2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is classified as a respiratory illness that spreads from person to person. COVID-19 is a novel type of Coronavirus that was initially identified in Wuhan, China. The Pamlico County Control Group has been in constant contact with local, state and federal partners regarding preparedness and response to COVID-19. Public Health and Emergency Services are prepared to respond to local cases that may arise in coordination with local, state, and federal agencies.

The Pamlico County Control Group has met and decided on the following actions as of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

- ❖ County Offices and Buildings to remain open until further notice
- ❖ Citizens encouraged to utilize online options (payments, recordings, etc.) for County Tax Office, County Water Department, County Register of Deeds Office
- ❖ Citizens encouraged to conduct business via telephone and/or email.
- ❖ If citizens have experienced any "flu type" symptoms in the last 14 days, please refrain from coming into County Buildings or Offices.
- ❖ County Offices and Buildings are being cleaned and sanitized to the greatest extent possibly daily.
- ❖ Encourage citizens to sign up for CODE RED<sup>®</sup> alerting
- ❖ Monitor and Communicate updates, changes and recommendations daily.

Phone numbers, E-mail Addresses and Contact Information regarding Pamlico County Departments can be found on the County Website: [www.pamlicocounty.org](http://www.pamlicocounty.org) by clicking the **DEPARTMENTS** Tab and selecting the appropriate department for which you need to conduct business with.

Please follow all recommendations from Local, State and Federal Health Officials regarding the spread of COVID-19. We encourage all citizens to stay informed by using the master link below that provides access to not only local information but also information from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) along with the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

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Chris Murray, Director

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17-March-2020

Governor Cooper has issued an Executive Order that as of 5 pm today, Restaurants and Bars will close for "Dine-In" customers in North Carolina. Takeout and Delivery orders can continue. This Executive Order also includes the expansion of unemployment benefits to workers affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Pamlico County COVID-19 Task Force has agreed on the following:

- ❖ Local State of Emergency Declared as of 3 pm this date in support of State and Federal Resource Requests.
- ❖ County Citizens are encouraged to utilize "Take Out" services offered by local bars and restaurants.
- ❖ County Control Group encourages citizens not to stockpile unnecessary goods or commodities.
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**PAMLICO COUNTY  
STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

Section 1.

Pursuant to the Pamlico County Emergency Preparedness Ordinance and Chapter 166A of the General Statutes, I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined therein exists in the County of Pamlico, due to the high public threat of Coronavirus COVID-19.

Section 2.

I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Pamlico and reserve the right to impose further restrictions as outlined in the County Emergency Preparedness Ordinance.

Section 3.

I, hereby order all county law enforcement officers, County employees and all other emergency management workers subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of the County emergency operation plan.

Section 4.

The Sheriff or his subordinates, or any other law enforcement officers in Pamlico County are hereby authorized to deny or restrict any person access to any area, street, highway, or location in Pamlico County which is reasonably necessary to promote efforts being made to overcome the emergency or to prevent further aggravation of the emergency.

Section 5.

All civilian and emergency management workers are hereby ordered to comply with the emergency preparedness plan upon execution of this proclamation.

Section 6.

This proclamation shall become effective immediately. Proclaimed this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

*Pat Prescott*

Chairman  
Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

*Courtney L. Nye*

Clerk to the Board

