PROCLAMATION OF MANDATORY EVACUATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF RICHLANDS

SECTION I. The Richlands Board of Aldermen held an Emergency Meeting on September 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Richlands Town Hall to discuss emergency management plans regarding the impending threat of Hurricane Florence during which time the Mayor proclaimed that A State of Emergency exists in the Town of Richlands effective on 11:30 AM on the 11th day of September, 2018 due to the impending approach and proximity of Hurricane Florence.

<u>SECTION II.</u> The Richlands Board of Aldermen moved during the Emergency meeting that a mandatory evacuation for the Town of Richlands is in order and necessary in order to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace of Richlands, North Carolina.

SECTION III. I hereby proclaim a mandatory evacuation of all citizens of Richlands due to the threat to the safety of persons and property in the Town of Richlands from the impending approach and proximity of Hurricane Florence effective 7:00 AM on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. The mandatory evacuation does not restrict the movement and/or appearance of law enforcement; emergency services personnel; emergency utility workers and elected and appointed municipal officials during the evacuation period.

<u>SECTION IV.</u> I hereby order this proclamation to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public, unless the circumstances of the State of Emergency or Disaster prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Town Clerk and hereby posted in the Richlands Town Hall.

<u>SECTION V.</u> This proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall continue until it is rescinded in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND SIGNED THIS PROCLAMATION on this the 11^{th} day of September 2018.

McKinley Smith

Mayor, Town of Richlands

Doreen Putney Town Clerk