



**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
Town of Richlands, North Carolina**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency and the President of the United States has declared a National State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Richlands is taking preemptive measures in light of the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described pandemic, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe dangers for the safety of the public, and that authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein 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 the Town of Richlands, NC under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title IX, Chapter 93, Section 93.02 of the Town of Richlands Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the corporate limits of the Town of Richlands.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be the Town's entire corporate jurisdiction.

**Section 3.** I hereby order all Richlands officials and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provision of this Proclamation and the provisions of the Onslow County Emergency Operations Plan and the Richlands Emergency Management Plan.

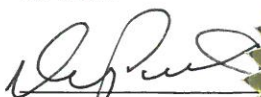
**Section 4.** I hereby delegate to Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, or his designee, the authority granted by the Richlands Emergency Management Plan for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Management Plan, and to take such further action as may be necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace of Richlands, North Carolina.

**Section 5.** Further, Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, is designated as Chief Coordinating Officer for Richlands for the duration of this Proclamation.

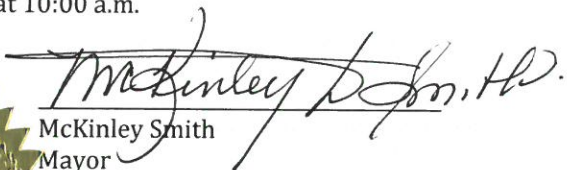
**Section 5.** This declaration shall take effect at 10:00 AM., Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
Doreen Putney  
Town Clerk



  
McKinley Smith  
Mayor