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## BURKE COUNTY

### DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, a major rain event is forecast to impact Burke County and most of North Carolina with potential storm totals exceeding 6 inches; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Burke under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 20 of the Burke County Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the County of Burke as more particularly described in Section 2.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be *(check box)*:

All areas within the jurisdiction of Burke County

The following specific areas within the jurisdiction of the unincorporated areas of the County of Burke, the City of Morganton, the Town of Drexel, the Town of Glen Alpine, the Town of Rhodhiss (Burke County portion only), the Town of Connelly Springs, the Town of Hildebran, the Town of Valdese, the Town of Rutherford College and the Town of Long View (Burke County portion only).

**Section 3.** The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed *(check all that apply)*:

**Evacuation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Curfew:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Restricted** Access: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Business** Operations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Alcohol:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Dangerous Weapons & Gasoline:** Except for lawfully possessed firearms (handgun, rifle, or  
shotgun) and ammunition, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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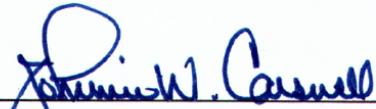
**No restrictions or prohibitions are imposed at this time.**

**Section 4.** I hereby order all Burke County law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Burke County Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 5.** 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 Clerk to the Board; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 6.** This declaration shall take effect on November 12, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

  
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Johnnie W. Carswell, Chairman  
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners