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AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORANGE COUNTY

Sec.1. The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners declared the existence of a state of emergency in Orange County pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 166A-22 on March 13, 2020 (“Original Declaration”) and revised the Original Declaration on March 25, 2020, April 23, 2020, May 6, 2020, May 21, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 26, 2020, July 9, 2020, July 17, 2020, August 18, 2020, September 4, 2020, October 2, 2020, November 13, 2020, December 1, 2020, March 19, 2021, and June 21, 2021.

Sec. 2. The undersigned has, in consideration of changing circumstances related to COVID-19, previously adopted revised declarations of emergency incorporating the terms of various gubernatorial Executive Orders with some changes and exceptions deemed necessary and specific to Orange County. Despite improving COVID-19 trends over several months of Spring and early Summer 2021 the undersigned, in consultation with the Orange County Health Director, determines that recent trends have included the following:

- a. COVID-19 Variants continue to spread throughout the nation and Orange County; and
- b. COVID-19 positive test rates are increasing both nationwide and in Orange County; and
- c. Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have increased substantially in Orange County and are similar to the nationwide trend for hospitalizations; and
- d. Even though vaccinations in Orange County are at or near the highest level in the state, vaccination rates have slowed or plateaued.

Sec. 3. In consideration of all available data related to the impacts of COVID-19 in Orange County the undersigned, in consultation with the Orange County Health Director, hereby determines it is in the best interest of the residents of Orange County to leave in place the declaration of emergency and to continue to follow the terms of Governor Roy Cooper’s Executive Order 220 related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The declaration is hereby amended as follows:

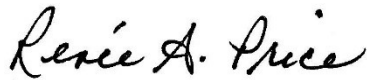
- a. The State of Emergency in Orange County is amended as stated herein and continues until such time as it is rescinded or terminated by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners; and

- b. To the extent allowed by law, the terms of Executive Order 220 related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency are adopted and incorporated herein by reference and shall continue in effect throughout Orange County during the COVID-19 related State of Emergency, and any amendments to or extensions thereof, declared in Orange County by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners; and
- c. As noted in Executive Order 220 the Local Education Agencies of Orange County, together with all other public and private schools in Orange County, shall comply with the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit and as the toolkit may be amended from time to time.

Sec. 4. This amendment is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 14 of the Orange County Code of General Ordinances and Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes. The declaration does not apply to state or federal government offices.

Sec. 5. A copy of this Amendment shall be provided to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. Reports of the substance of its prohibitions and restrictions shall be sent immediately to the mass communications media serving Orange County. As soon as practicable, the full text of this Amendment shall be distributed to the mass communications media serving Orange County. A copy of this Amendment shall be posted conspicuously on the Orange County website at www.orangecountync.gov. Notice and a signed copy of this Amendment to the Declarations shall be submitted to the Department of Public Safety WebEOC.

Sec. 6. This Amendment is effective at 5:00 pm on Friday July 23, 2021.



Renee Price, Chair
Orange County Board of Commissioners

July 23, 2021

Date