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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF TRANSYLVANIA**

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
FOR TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY**

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Governor Cooper declared a State of Emergency over Covid-19, and whereas President Trump declares a National Emergency in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Transylvania County expects to receive impacts from the COVID-19 Pandemic. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can lead to serious illness or death. Impacts from COVID-19 could be inclusive of, but not limited to high volumes of "Suspected Coronavirus" patients, great demands placed on the overall Emergency Services through the continued need for Personal Protective Equipment, Decontamination Solutions, workforce exposure to "Suspected Coronavirus" patients, and great demands placed on all medical providers within the county which could result in extended work hours for all staff. These medical providers are inclusive of Communicable Disease Nurses and other personnel employed by the Transylvania County Division of Public Health, Transylvania County Emergency Services and Law Enforcement Agencies having any jurisdiction within the boundaries of Transylvania County. These overall impacts will be countywide.

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, the loss of life.

Whereas, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the control measures ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

Whereas, consultation has been made with the City of Brevard City Council as well as the Town of Rosman Board of Aldermen.

Now, Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted to North Carolina counties under the North Carolina Emergency Management Act (Article 1 of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes), and also pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 6 of the local Transylvania County Ordinances, the following proclamation is hereby made:

1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the geographical area of Transylvania County.
2. The emergency area covered by this declaration shall be:

Total geographic area of Transylvania County inclusive of all areas and townships inside the geographic borders of Transylvania County.

3. The Emergency Operations Plan adopted by Transylvania County and all applicable mutual aid compacts and agreements are to be placed in full force and effect and shall remain in effect until this Emergency Declaration is rescinded.
4. Control Measures could be placed in effect immediately to implement plans for the prevention of, preparation for, response to and recovery from any and all emergency situations that may result from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. These Control Measures will be coordinated with federal, state and local agencies for the orderly protection, treatment and rehabilitation of affected persons.
5. Restricted Access: In addition to enforcement of the Governor's State of Emergency and Executive Orders related to COVID-19, The Transylvania County Public Health Director may recommend to the County Manager of areas which travel should be restricted except by those in search of medical assistance, food or other commodity or services necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or family members.
6. The Transylvania County Public Health Director may recommend to the County Manager any other activities or conditions the control of which to be reasonably necessary to protect lives. This includes measures limiting or altering access to public meetings to protect public officials and citizen from the spread of COVID-19.
7. I hereby order all Emergency Services Personnel, Department of Social Services Personnel, Department of Public Health Personnel, any agency contracted to provide services, and any other applicable Transylvania County Employees subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable federal, state and local laws/ordinances and the Transylvania County Emergency Operations Plan.
8. I hereby request all Transylvania County Law Enforcement Officers to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable federal, state and local laws/ordinances and the Transylvania County Emergency Operations Plan.
9. I hereby request the City of Brevard and Town of Rosman to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable federal, state and local laws/ordinances and the Transylvania County Emergency Operations Plan.
10. I hereby order this declaration: to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; to be filed with the Clerk to the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners; and to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

11. This declaration shall take effect on March 20 2020, at 1300 hours and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED the 20 of March, 2020 at 1300 hours.



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Mike Hawkins, Chairman of the  
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Trisha Hogan, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners