## **Declaration of a State of Emergency**

Whereas, the City of Lumberton fully supports the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment, and all constitutional rights of the citizens, and the right of all to speak and protest peacefully and lawfully, including but not limited to addressing the very unfortunate death of Mr. George Floyd. However, as there have been very recent unstable situations in cities across North Carolina and the nation relating to Mr. Floyd's death; and

Whereas, because of the potential of such conditions in Lumberton, I have determined that, during the hours described below, there is an eminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, 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 Mayor of the City of Lumberton under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 15 of the Lumberton Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A state of emergency is hereby declared within the corporate limits of the City of Lumberton until further notice.

Section 2. The following restrictions and provisions are imposed:

Curfew: A curfew shall be in effect from:

- 9 PM Friday, June 5th, until 6 AM Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>
- 9 PM Saturday, June 6th, until 6 AM Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>
- 9 PM Sunday, June 7th, until 6 AM Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
- 9 PM Monday, June 8th, until 6 AM Tuesday, June 9th.

Dangerous weapons: All firearms laws shall be strictly enforced as to every person within the city of Lumberton.

Other: This curfew shall not apply to first responders and emergency personnel and documented medical personnel. Those going to and returning from gainful employment shall be exempted with reasonable documentation or other proof of such employment.

Section 3. I hereby order all City of Lumberton 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 City of Lumberton/Robeson County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. 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 the Clerk to the Board of the Lumberton City Council; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 5. This declaration shall take effect as described above.

Declared this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, at 1 PM.

Bruce W. Laure
Bruce W Davis, Mayor, City of Lumberton