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## **AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORANGE COUNTY**

**Sec. 1.** The undersigned 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, and August 18, 2020.

**Sec. 2.** The Governor of North Carolina, through Executive Order 163 (“EO 163”), moved North Carolina into “Safer-At-Home” Phase 2.5.

**Sec. 3.** The undersigned has previously adopted revised declarations of emergency incorporating the terms of various gubernatorial Executive Orders with some changes deemed necessary and specific to Orange County.

**Sec. 4.** 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, determines it is in the best interest of the residents of Orange County to repeal the prior amendments to the Original Declaration, specifically adopts the findings and conclusions of EO 163 and adopts and fully incorporates the terms, including all limitations and restrictions, of EO 163 to be effective in Orange County unless and until modified by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners with the following exceptions:

- a. The declared State of Emergency in Orange County extends through and including October 31, 2020;
- b. The Prohibition on Mass Gatherings found in Section 7.1.a. of EO 163 is modified for Orange county and shall remain at 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors;

**Sec. 5.** 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, all prohibitions and restrictions specified in the July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the Declarations remain in full force and effect during the ongoing state of emergency unless and until amended and government bodies when conducting meetings should continue to do so remotely. This

Amendment does not apply to state government offices or local education agencies, which are governed directly by the Executive Orders.

**Sec. 6.** A copy of this Amendment shall be provided to the acting 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](http://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. 7.** This Amendment is effective at 5:00 pm on Friday September 4, 2020.



September 3, 2020

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Penny Rich, Chair  
Orange County Board of Commissioners

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Date