



TRACY PHILBECK

CHAIRMAN

June 4, 2020

**ORDER RESCINDING GASTON COUNTY'S LOCALLY-DECLARED
STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, data, statistics, and other information about the coronavirus ("COVID-19") showed that COVID-19 posed a serious threat to Gaston County residents and businesses on or around March 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of COVID-19 constituted a state of emergency as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. §166A-19.3(19); and

WHEREAS, the Governor declared a state of emergency on behalf of the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned declared a state of emergency on behalf of Gaston County on March 15, 2020 pursuant to his authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. §166A-19.22; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in Gaston County, protect life and property, and maintain order throughout the County during the state of emergency, the undersigned subsequently signed a series of stay-at-home orders pursuant to his authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. §166A-19.31; and


WHEREAS, the people of Gaston County have been and continue to exhibit remarkable care, concern, and common sense to minimize the spread and overall impact of COVID-19 on Gaston County; and

WHEREAS, despite real losses to life, health, property, and revenue, among other impacts, the voluntary care, concern, and common sense exhibited by residents and businesses throughout Gaston County have helped and continue to help minimize the overall impact of COVID-19 on Gaston County; and

WHEREAS, Gaston County-specific COVID-19 data, statistics, and trends coupled with ongoing reopening efforts at the state and federal levels render Gaston County's local landscape one that no longer constitutes a state of emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT:

The undersigned's March 15, 2020 Order declaring a state of emergency in Gaston County is hereby rescinded. This Order is adopted and shall take effect on the 4th day of June, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.



Tracy Philbeck, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board
Gaston County Board of Commissioners