

PROCLAMATION OF DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 34.01 of the Code of Murphy, North Carolina, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, State of North Carolina, delegated its authority to declare a state of emergency and its authority to impose prohibitions and restrictions within the emergency area to the Mayor of the Town of Murphy; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned of the high public health threat imposed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 10, 2020, and thereafter confirmed that the number of cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina declared a state of emergency for the State of North Carolina based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19 on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina ordered limitations on the sale of food and beverages to carry-out, drive-through and delivery only on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Health Department confirmed a case of COVID-19 in Cherokee County, North Carolina, on March 18, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 166A-19.22(a), I, David R. Ramsey, Mayor of the Town of Murphy, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the

following restrictions:

PEDESTRIAN CURFEW.

1. Pedestrians are prohibited on the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, parks, and other public areas within the corporate limits of the Town of Murphy between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

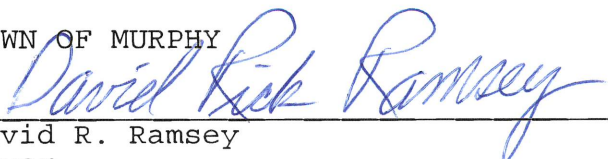
2. This curfew restriction does not apply to employees of businesses which are open to employees or to customers of businesses which are open to customers who are traveling directly to or from their motor vehicle which is parked in the parking lot of the business or public parking spaces adjacent to the business and the business during the hours of restriction.

3. This curfew restriction applies only to pedestrians and does not apply to occupants of motor vehicles.

4. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with the provisions of this Proclamation shall be guilty of a Class 3 Misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment not to exceed 20 days or a fine not to exceed \$100.00.

This Proclamation shall take effect at 9:00 p.m. March 20, 2020.

This the 20th day of March, 2020.

TOWN OF MURPHY
By: 

David R. Ramsey
Mayor