



REVISED PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT

THAT WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 Virus and in order to maintain and protect the public health of the citizens and residents of Southport, on March 20, 2020, the City of Southport declared a State of Emergency pursuant to Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 6 of the Southport Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, said Proclamation has been subsequently revised by the Mayor of the City of Southport on several occasions; and

WHEREAS, health authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, have changed the guidelines with respect to wearing of masks for individuals who are fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, these guidelines include that for those fully vaccinated against COVID-19, these individuals can safely do most activities without wearing a mask or the need to social distance from others and therefore CDC and NCDHHS have removed its indoor mask mandate for most settings; and

WHEREAS, everyone, including people who are fully vaccinated will still be required to wear a mask in certain settings: public transportation, health care settings such as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and in certain local business, restaurants, and city facilities, who want to continue public health measures as they have done previously, prior to the recent CDC, NCDHHS announcement; and

WHEREAS, per NCDHHS, people who are not vaccinated should wear a mask and maintain distance in all indoor public settings and in outdoor settings when they cannot maintain six feet of distance; and

WHEREAS, businesses and restaurants may choose to continue to require the wearing of masks in order to protect their employees, their customers, and diners as there is no way to determine who has been fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, it is my desire as Mayor to follow the CDC and NCDHHS updated mask guidelines as stated above, while also curtailing the spread of COVID-19 within the City of Southport; and

WHEREAS, the requirements established in this declaration shall supplement and be in addition to the other requirements associated with the COVID-19 State of Emergency within the City of Southport and shall not be limited by county or State requirements; and

WHEREAS, I hereby order that this declaration (i) be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (ii) be filed with the City Clerk and posted on the City website; and (iii) be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation; and

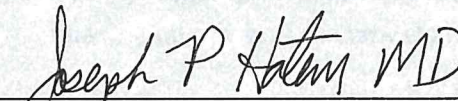


NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph P. Hatem, Mayor of the City of Southport, pursuant to the authority cited above, do hereby declare, and proclaim the following;

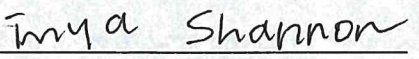
Effective Date and Time- This declaration shall take effect at 5 pm on May 18, 2021 and shall remain in effect.

This the 18 day of May 2021.

City of Southport



Joseph P. Hatem, MD, MPH, Mayor



Attest:// Tanya Shannon, Deputy Clerk

