RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROTECTING A COUNTY’S RIGHT TO ISSUE A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER

WHEREAS, there are 100 Counties in North Carolina and while there are similarities among them, each County has its own unique demographics and issues; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of North Carolina issued Executive Order No. 116 on March 10, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency to address COVID-19 as the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 hospitals in North Carolina submitted a letter to the Governor of North Carolina asking him to immediately order a “Shelter in Place”; and

WHEREAS, The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the public health dangers associated with COVID-19, which can reach all 100 Counties in North Carolina, affecting each one differently; and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners recognizes the negative impact COVID-19 has had on the economy of the United States of America, North Carolina and Yadkin County; and

WHEREAS, the third largest employer within Yadkin County has already temporarily laid-off 500 employees as a result of “Shelter in Place” orders in other states across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners acknowledges that a “Shelter in Place” order would be extremely detrimental to the economy of Yadkin County, which had already suffered due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners again wishes to express its deep commitment to protecting the liberty and freedom of Yadkin County citizens and businesses during this public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 166-A gives authority to a County or Municipality to locally and individually issue a “Shelter in Place” order under issuance of a State of Emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners urges the Governor of North Carolina not to issue a statewide “Shelter in Place” order and allow Counties and Municipalities to exercise their authority to make the best decisions for their individual Counties and Municipalities.
Adopted the 24th day of March 2020 by the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners.
Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

Kevin Austin  
Chairman  
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners