

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(a)(2), during a Governorially declared State of Emergency, the undersigned has the power to “give such directions to state and local law enforcement officers and agencies as may be reasonable and necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of this Article”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(a)(3), the undersigned may take steps to assure that measures, including the installation of public utilities, are taken when necessary to qualify for temporary housing assistance from the federal government when that assistance is required to protect the public health, welfare, and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(b)(2), the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may establish a system of economic controls over all resources, materials, and services, including shelter and rents; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(b)(3), the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may regulate and control the maintenance, extension, and operation of public utility services and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(b)(4), the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may waive a provision of any regulation or ordinance of a State agency or political subdivision which restricts the immediate relief of human suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(b)(5), the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(b)(3) further authorizes and empowers the undersigned to delegate Governorial vested authority under the Emergency Management Act and to provide for the sub-delegation of that authority; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.70(a), utilities are considered critical infrastructure for the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has sought and obtained concurrence from the Council of State consistent with the Governor’s emergency powers authority in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

**Section 1. Evictions Moratorium.**

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, the undersigned orders as follows:

A. **Definitions.** In this Executive Order:

1. “Residential Lease” means a lease of a dwelling unit in the State of North Carolina to which the North Carolina Residential Rental Agreements Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 42-38 to 42-46, applies.
2. “Residential Tenant” means the tenant in a Residential Lease.
3. “Residential Landlord” means the owner of, and any rental management company, rental agency, or any other person having the actual or apparent authority of an agent over, any unit in a Residential Lease.
4. “Commercial Lease” means a lease of any real property that is leased to an individual, business, or organization that does commerce in the State of North Carolina; **provided, however,** that “Commercial Lease” does **not** include: Residential Leases (as that term is defined in this Executive Order); operations of hotels, motels, or similar lodging