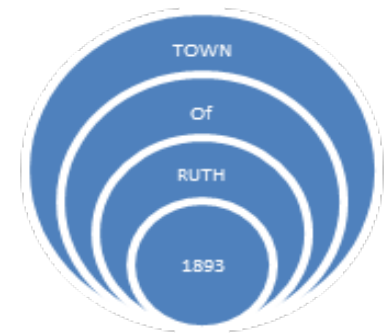


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### *Town of Ruth-3/18/2020*

Mayor David Guy, with full support of the board, declared a state of emergency for Ruth in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). The purpose of the declaration is to allow Ruth to more quickly assist citizens affected by the spread of the virus.

The board would like to communicate to its citizens the first line of defense is to remain calm and not panic. It's important to remember at this juncture we have no known cases of the coronavirus in the Ruth community. Our goal is to keep our status without an active case. There are actions we can take to facilitate and support this goal. Citizens are urged to continue to follow the guidelines of washing hands frequently, covering your coughs, sanitizing your spaces, staying home if ill, practicing social distancing, and best possible exercise is to shelter in place for the next two weeks as we do our part to interrupt the progression of this virus. It is important to remember these practices are always the best to mitigate the spread of any virus, including the flu.

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David Guy, Mayor  
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William Steppe, Commissioner

Amie Hanaway, Town Administrator, Financial Director, & Clerk  
John Crotts, Town Attorney

The Town of Ruth board is closely monitoring developments and encourages citizens to follow along with us by utilizing virtual resources such as the resident resources page of our website [www.townofruthnc.org](http://www.townofruthnc.org). Here you will find links to the County's website, the Foothills Health District website, the CDC's recommendations, the World Health's Organization's recommendations, and the White House recommendations, to name a few. Our resident resources page will be updated as best practices change.

The board is proud of Ruth's citizens for being prudent and helping us to do our part to improve how we navigate any viral situation.