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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Browder, Executive Director of the Crystal Coast Tourism Development Authority

FROM: Bill Smith, Chairman of Carteret County Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT: Voluntary Booking Policy to Suspend New Leisure Travel

DATE: March 21, 2020

Due to Carteret County's declared State of Emergency issued in response to the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Carteret County Board of Commissioners request that all vacation management and hotel management companies in Carteret County issue a voluntary booking policy to not allow any new reservations for leisure travelers to arrive for the next two weeks (March 22-April 6).

This voluntary step by the management companies will help tremendously in limiting vacationing visitors at this critical time. If the crisis continues, the vacation rental managers and hotel management companies may be requested to extend the voluntary moratorium on new reservations.

Carteret County continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and will operate under the most current information available. This is a rapidly evolving incident and any request to change this policy will be reviewed on a week to week basis.

On behalf of the Commissioners, please accept our appreciation to you and the vacation and hotel management companies by observing our request to discourage travel during this crucial time. Our hope is that it will help to minimize COVID-19 in our community.

Bill Smith, Chairman
Carteret County Board of Commissioners