March 16, 2020

Dear Hertford County Citizens:

As you know, we are facing an unprecedented public health crisis in our state. On, Saturday, March 14, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 117 Prohibiting Mass Gatherings and Directing the Statewide Closure of K-12 Public Schools to limit the Spread of COVID-19. On behalf of the Hertford County Board of Commissioners, we are concerned about the well-being of all Hertford County citizens. Although there are no known cases of the coronavirus reported to date and the risk of contracting the novel coronavirus remains low in Hertford County, we are reviewing steps and measures for this county to be proactive in order to ensure we have the flexibility required to respond to any change in this situation in the days and weeks ahead. This is a local government administrative action we are taking as a Board and should not heighten fears or fuel panic with you as citizens of Hertford County.

If you have COVID-19 questions, please visit our website www.hertfordcountync.gov, Facebook and the local newspaper where we are sharing important information to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information about COVID-19.

As a Board, we encourage you to continue to follow existing guidelines to protect your own health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services are also good resources for up-to-date, accurate information about this evolving situation.

Sincerely,

/s/Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

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