

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Rockingham County is forecast to receive an immediate impact from Hurricane Florence, a current Category 4 Hurricane located approximately 950 miles ESE of Cape Fear North Carolina, with an expected landfall along the North Carolina Coast. Hurricane Florence is further forecast travel west through North Carolina with the “EyeWall” passing very close to Rockingham County. The impacts of Hurricane Florence will be high winds combined with torrential rain and possible tornados. There is a “Very High” threat of wide spread power outages and flooding. These impacts are likely to occur county wide for the approximate time period of Thursday, September 13, 2018, through Sunday, September 16, 2018, and:

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing (forecast) conditions will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Rockingham County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes (GS 166A-19.3(19)

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the geographic area of Rockingham County

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be:

Total geographic area of Rockingham County inclusive of all areas and townships inside the geographic borders of Caswell County to the East, Guilford County to the South, Stokes County to the West and The Virginia State Line to the North.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

Evacuation: _____

Curfew: _____

X Restricted Access:

Verified property owners (proper credentials) Emergency Services Personnel and verified utilities personnel (proper credentials operating properly labeled utility vehicles) in all areas with restricted access as defined by physical barriers established by NC Department of Transportation or any other Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Fire Marshal, Emergency Medical Services, Park Ranger, Forestry Officer or any other Emergency Management Officer having jurisdiction in Rockingham County and/or the state of North Carolina.

All access is prohibited from rivers, streams and tributaries except for emergency personnel performing emergency rescue operations.

Business Operations: _____

Alcohol: _____

Dangerous Weapons & Gasoline: Except for lawfully possessed firearms (handgun, rifle, or shotgun) and ammunition,

No restrictions or prohibitions are imposed at this time.

Section 4. I hereby order all Rockingham County law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Rockingham County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 5. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the Board of Rockingham County Board of County Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 8:00 am, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 12th Day of September 2018 at 8:00am.

(authorized official)

