



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Hurricane Florence; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described disaster, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or 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 the *Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners*, of Avery County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Avery County.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the entire county of Avery

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

A. Evacuation: During this event, any evacuation orders would be mandatory.

B. Curfew: A curfew may be implemented during the state of emergency in Avery County between the hours of 10:00 pm and 5:00 am by the chairperson of Avery County Board of Commissioners.

C. Restricted Access: Restricted access may be implemented during the state of emergency in Avery County by the chairperson of Avery County Board of Commissioners.

D. Business Operations: Business Operation restrictions may be implemented during the state of emergency in Avery County by the chairperson of Avery County Board of Commissioners.

Section 4. I hereby order all 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 Avery 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 Avery County Board of 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 September 15, 2018 at 12:00 pm, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 14 Day of September, 2018 at ~~(time)~~
9:00 am

Martha Hicks Chair

Martha Hicks Chairperson

Avery County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dawn Carpenter

Dawn Carpenter,
Substitute to the Clerk

