

# State of North Carolina

### **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

April 3, 2020

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127**

## DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THE TOWN OF MARSHALL, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, authorizes the issuance of a disaster declaration for an emergency area as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.3(7) that has been impacted by a Type I, Type II or Type III disaster as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(b); and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2018, the Town of Marshall in Madison County, North Carolina experienced a rain event that resulted in devastating flooding from the French Broad River, which runs directly through the town; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2019, less than four (4) months after the aforementioned flooding, the Town of Marshall experienced another event of local flooding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §166A-19.22, local state of emergency declarations were issued by the Town of Marshall on December 28, 2018 and April 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, due to the impacts of the flooding events, local and state emergency management officials conducted a joint preliminary damage assessment on December 29, 2018 and April 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), the criteria for a Type I disaster are met if: (a) the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety has provided a preliminary damage assessment to the undersigned and the General Assembly; (b) local state of emergency declarations have been issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.22 in the areas impacted by the Type I disaster; (c) the preliminary damage assessment meets or exceeds the State infrastructure criteria set out in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.41(b)(2)a. and (d) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared for Public Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that a Type I disaster, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), exists in the State of North Carolina in the Town of Marshall in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.41, if a disaster is declared, the undersigned may make state funds available for emergency assistance in the form of individual assistance and public assistance for recovery from those disasters for which federal assistance under the Stafford Act is either not available or does not adequately meet the needs of residents in the emergency area.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

#### Section 1.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), a Type I disaster is hereby declared for the Town of Marshall, Madison County, North Carolina.

#### Section 2.

I authorize state disaster assistance in the form of public assistance grants to the eligible local governments located within the emergency area that meet the terms and conditions under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.41(b)(2). The public assistance grants are for the following:

- a. Debris clearance.
- b. Emergency protective measures.
- c. Roads and Bridges.

#### Section 3.

I hereby order that this declaration be (a) distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) promptly filed with the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, the North Carolina Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

#### Section 4.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(c)(1), this Type I disaster declaration shall expire sixty (60) days after issuance unless renewed by the Governor or the General Assembly. Such renewals may be made in increments of thirty (30) days each, not to exceed a total of 120 days from the date of first issuance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

> Roy Coope Governor

ATTEST:

Rodney S. Maddox

Chief Deputy Secretary of State