



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

August 28, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 160

STATE TYPE I DISASTER DECLARATION FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALLEGHANY COUNTY

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 August 9, 2020, a 5.1 magnitude earthquake struck about two miles southeast from the Town of Sparta along the North Carolina state border with the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was preceded by at least four small foreshocks ranging from magnitude 2.1 to 2.6, beginning about 25 hours prior to the main shock, and The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported approximately 13 aftershocks, ranging from magnitude 1.7 to 2.9; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.22, Alleghany County declared a local state of emergency on August 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the impacts from the earthquake, local and state emergency management officials conducted a joint preliminary damage assessment on August 18-21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), the criteria for a Type I disaster are met if: (1) the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety has provided a preliminary damage assessment to the Governor and the General Assembly; (2) Alleghany County declared a local state of emergency pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.22; (3) the preliminary damage assessment has met or exceeded the criteria established for the Small Business Disaster Loan Program pursuant to 13 C.F.R. Part 123; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared; 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, specifically Alleghany County and the contiguous counties of Ashe, Surry and Wilkes; 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.

For purposes of this Executive Order only, the emergency area as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.3(7), is Alleghany County and the contiguous counties of Ashe, Surry and Wilkes (“the Emergency Area”).

Section 2.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), a Type I disaster is hereby declared for the Emergency Area.

Section 3.

I authorize state emergency assistance funds in the form of grants to individuals and families located within the emergency area that meet the terms and conditions under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.41(b)(1).

Section 4.

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 county to which it applies; and (c) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 5.

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 28th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

