

State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

APRIL 20, 2018

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 41

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, a confirmed tornado struck Guilford County and Rockingham County, North Carolina on April 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the existence of a confirmed tornado and the related damages thereby sustained constitutes a state of emergency as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19); and

WHEREAS, certain measures are necessary to ensure the protection and safety of North Carolina residents and coordinate the emergency response among state and local entities and officials; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.10 and 19.20 authorize the Governor to declare a state of emergency and exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid in the response to, recovery from, and mitigation against emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, by 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-19.20, I hereby declare that a state of emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19), exists in Guilford County, North Carolina and Rockingham County, North Carolina due to the damages sustained in those counties as a result of the April 15, 2018 tornado. A preliminary damage assessment was conducted on April 18-19, 2018, and I have determined that the emergency response requirement exceeds the capabilities of the counties to effectively respond to the event. The emergency area as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(7) and 166A-19.20(b) is Guilford County, North Carolina and Rockingham County, North Carolina (“the Emergency Area”).

Section 2.

I order all state and local government entities and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this declaration and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan (“the Plan”).

Section 3.

I delegate to Erik A. Hooks, the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, or his designee, all power and authority granted to and required of me by Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the Plan and deploying the State Emergency Response Team to take the appropriate actions necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in North Carolina.

Section 4.

Further, Secretary Hooks, as chief coordinating officer for the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-602.

Section 5.

I further direct Secretary Hooks or his designee to seek assistance from any and all agencies of the United States Government as may be needed to meet the emergency and seek reimbursement for costs incurred by the State in responding to this emergency.

Section 6.

I hereby order that this declaration be: (1) distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (2) promptly filed with the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the superior court clerks in the counties to which it applies, unless the circumstances of the state of emergency would prevent or impede this; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 7.

This declaration does not prohibit or restrict lawfully possessed firearms or ammunition or impose any limitation on the consumption, transportation, sale or purchase of alcoholic beverages as provided in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(c).

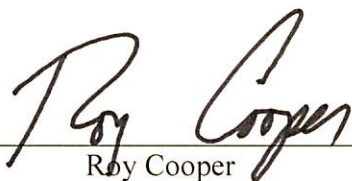
Section 8.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.23, this declaration triggers the prohibition against excessive pricing as provided in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 75-37 and 75-38 in the Emergency Area.

Section 9.

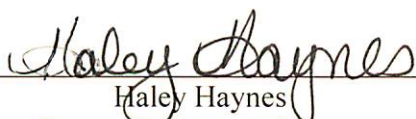
This declaration is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

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 20th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Haley Haynes
Deputy Secretary of State

