



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

September 11, 2018

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54

**MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER FOR
NORTH CAROLINA ISLANDS**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is under imminent threat from Hurricane Florence (“Hurricane”), which is anticipated to make landfall on or about 13-14 September 2018; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the people of North Carolina in the Hurricane’s path will be exposed to a substantial risk of injury or death; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the Hurricane will cause significant damage to public and private property and may seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems; and

WHEREAS, the potential impacts from the Hurricane constitute a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.3(19); and

WHEREAS, N.C. Const. art. III § 5(4) vests the Governor with the duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 51, declaring a State of Emergency on September 7, 2018, to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 51 invoked the Emergency Management Act, and authorizes the Governor to exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid in the response to, recovery from, and mitigation against emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration, FEMA-3401-EM, on September 10, 2018, for the State of North Carolina that provides, in part, for Public Assistance – Category B, including direct Federal Assistance to the State; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(b) authorizes and empowers the Governor to make and amend orders, rules, and regulations within the limits of the authority conferred upon the Governor in the Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the execution of my emergency powers under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30 is appropriate to ensure the public safety of our residents and visitors located in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the coastal and sound-side North Carolina counties and municipalities have or will issue evacuation orders; and,

WHEREAS, the undersigned strongly recommends that residents, and visitors follow the evacuation orders already issued by North Carolina counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has further determined that a state-ordered evacuation is necessary for the preservation of life in the surrounding threatened areas or for other emergency mitigation, response, and recovery efforts.

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.

I hereby declare that a mandatory evacuation order is in effect for all people residing, or visiting the islands located on the coast of the State of North Carolina, including the barrier islands of the State. This order also includes and applies to municipalities and counties located along the barrier islands of North Carolina.

Section 2.

This Order does not apply to emergency personnel who are operating on the islands to secure public safety or infrastructure requirements, or to emergency medical care providers.

Section 3.

Municipalities and counties have the delegated authority to implement this Order per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31.

Section 4.

This Order is effective at 12:00 p.m. on 11 September 2018 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Executive Order.

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 11th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

