

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

July 3, 2019

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96

DISASTER DECLARATION FOR CATAWBA AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES

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) and categorizing the disaster as a Type I, Type II or Type III disaster as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(b); and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, Catawba and Mecklenburg counties in North Carolina and the contiguous counties of Alexander, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln and Union suffered severe damages as a result of flooding and heavy winds; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the severe weather, Catawba County proclaimed a local state of emergency on June 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the severe weather, Mecklenburg County proclaimed a local state of emergency on June 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, following these emergency declarations, a joint preliminary damage assessment was conducted by local, state and federal emergency management officials June 18-19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned 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 in Catawba and Mecklenburg counties in North Carolina and the contiguous counties of Alexander, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln and Union; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), the criteria for a Type I disaster is met if: (1) the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety has provided a preliminary damage assessment to the Governor and the General Assembly; (2) Catawba and Mecklenburg counties 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, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.41(a) and (b), 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 the residents of the state 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 Catawba and Mecklenburg counties in North Carolina and their contiguous counties of Alexander, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln and Union.

Section 2. 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 3. 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 promptly filed with the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the Clerks of Superior Court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

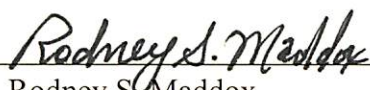
Section 4. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.21(c)(1), this Type I disaster declaration shall expire sixty (60) days after issuance unless renewed by the Governor or the General Assembly. Such renewals may be made in increments of thirty (30) days each, not to exceed a total of one hundred twenty (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 3rd day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Rodney S. Maddox
Chief Deputy Secretary of State

