

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

April 24, 2025

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 12 on March 26, 2025, declaring a state of emergency in 34 counties due to the effects of multiple active wildfires in Polk, Henderson, Swain, and Transylvania counties; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 12 ensured adequate emergency response and recovery measures were available in the State to address the wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 12 provided that the state of emergency would expire on April 26, 2025, unless extended; and

WHEREAS, there have been additional wildfires in the Emergency Area declared in Executive Order No. 12, including the Bee Rock Creek Fire in McDowell County, the Haoe Lead Fire in Graham County, and the Sam Davis Road Fire in Swain County, the latter of which led to Federal Emergency Management Agency approving North Carolina's request for an additional Fire Management Assistance Grant designated as FEMA-5580-FM-NC; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council in its April 22, 2025, assessment observed moderate drought conditions in parts of western North Carolina and abnormally dry conditions across other parts of western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the current and anticipated impacts from the multiple wildfires, combined with the ongoing drought conditions, continue to constitute a state of emergency in the Emergency Area declared in Executive Order No. 12; and

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

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.10 and 166A-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; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(3) authorizes the Governor to delegate any gubernatorial authority vested in him under the Emergency Management Act, and to provide for the subdelegation of that authority.

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

Section 1.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. § 166A-19.20, I hereby declare that the state of emergency declared in Executive Order No. 12, which was issued on March 26, 2025, persists in the Emergency Area identified in that Executive Order.


Section 2.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. § 166A-19.20, Executive Order No. 12 is hereby extended for an additional thirty (30) days or until rescinded.

Section 3.

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

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 24th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.



Josh Stein
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

