



State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

**IN RECOGNITION OF
THE 106 LIVES LOST DURING HURRICANE HELENE**

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2024, Hurricane Helene hit the western part of the state of North Carolina, causing unprecedented damage and displacing thousands of individuals, families, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, more than 690 ambulances, 850 law enforcement officers, 1,000 firefighters, and 1,850 responders from 39 states responded to assist western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical services, emergency management, hazardous materials responders, medical examiners, and other first responders demonstrated exceptional professionalism and bravery; and

WHEREAS, an incredible number of dedicated volunteers uprooted their lives to help people get food, clothing, shelter, energy, and other critical support services; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina lost 106 lives during and in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Helene – parents, spouses, children, friends – and we must recognize the devastating impact on their loved ones, whose lives have been forever altered; and

WHEREAS, the people who have suffered from this storm need assistance from their federal and state governments to rebuild and recover;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2025, as “**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 106 LIVES LOST DURING HURRICANE HELENE**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Josh Stein".
JOSH STEIN
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.