

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Helena is anticipated to impact Beaufort County.

WHEREAS, as a result of the above described winter storm, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein are necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 33.25 of the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Beaufort County.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be Beaufort County to include all Municipalities.

Section 3. I hereby order all Beaufort County law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Beaufort County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. I hereby authorize, that should road and weather conditions warrant during the period of this Declaration, the Incident Commander may authorize and/or recommend a reduction in the quantity/type of equipment to respond to an incident and the level of response with which the agencies shall respond to an incident.

Section 5. 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 filed with Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect today January 6, 2017 at 11:00 PM and shall remain in effect until Monday January 9, 2017 at 11:00 PM unless rescinded at an earlier date and time.

DECLARED this January 6, 2017 at 4:30 PM.



Frankie Waters, Chairman

ATTEST:



Katie Mosher, Clerk