

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

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September 10, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Through: Ms. Gracia Szczech, Regional Administrator
FEMA Region IV
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 C.F.R. § 206.35, I request that you declare an emergency for the State of North Carolina as a result of the forecasted approach of Hurricane Florence.

The National Weather Service projects that this storm will have significant impacts to the State of North Carolina as a major hurricane, as cited in the National Weather Service statement/forecast issued at 5:00 a.m. on September 10, 2018 (attached).

In response to the situation, I have taken appropriate action under state law and declared a state of emergency on September 7, 2018. As part of that declaration, I directed the execution of the state emergency operations plan, in accordance with Section 501(a) of the Stafford Act. The emergency area under the declaration is for all 100 counties in North Carolina and includes the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

Pursuant to 44 C.F.R. § 206.35, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and affected local governments. Also, supplementary Federal assistance is necessary to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster.

I am requesting Public Assistance-Category B (Emergency Protective Measures), including direct Federal assistance, for all 100 counties in the State of North Carolina.

I am requesting direct federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect to property such as; generators, food, water, shelter supplies, evacuation assistance, medical assistance, swift water rescue teams, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams, technical assistance, and other response measures.

Since April 2018, state and local emergency management agencies have responded to a tornado in Guilford and Rockingham Counties, and to major flooding and mudslides in 34 counties in western North Carolina from sustained rains and the remnants of Subtropical Storm Alberto from May 15-May 30, 2018. Furthermore, the World Equestrian Games in Polk County that starts on September 11, 2018 is also requiring state and local emergency management resources in order to provide support for that two-week event.

The following information is provided on the nature and amount of State and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of the emergency:

- The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) activated at 8:00 a.m. on September 10, 2018
- On September 7, 2018, I declared a state of emergency at 7:00 p.m. in response to then Tropical Storm Florence. See Executive Order No. 51 attached.
- I activated the State Emergency Operations Plan.
- The North Carolina National Guard will activate 300 soldiers/airmen and seven (7) armories.
- Seven (7) swift water rescue teams activated and pre-deployed, have requested 10 additional teams via EMAC.
- Six (6) thirty-three man urban search and rescue teams activated.
- The SERT Emergency Services Functional Branch is developing plans to implement State Medical Support Shelter operations to support local evacuations of medical facilities and special needs populations. We are standing up our EMS Ambulance Strike teams and our EMS Medical Evacuation Buses to support evacuations.
- The SERT Human Services Branch, along with our county partners are developing mass feeding plan and identifying shelter support teams including for special needs sheltering and general population, plus we are getting insight on Agriculture's mortality management plan for animals and logistical requirements of NCEM to support same.
- The SERT Infrastructure Branch is surveying evacuations routes for fuel issues and construction sites that may impede evacuations. They are also

providing situational awareness on plans by Duke Energy, Electricities, and Electric Cooperatives for responding to power outages. We are also looking at preparations for all our critical infrastructure and key resources by surveying local water treatment plants, sewer treatments plants, and communication providers to see their storm preparedness. NCDOT, Ferry Division is being monitored in the event of evacuations. Currently the division is operating at Alert level 1- Hurricane Watch. Preparations are underway to identify needed fuel, equipment, supplies, and personnel for emergency operations and possible evacuations.

- The SERT Logistics Section is bringing in additional purchasing agents, checking our contracts for buses to support evacuations, and executing an EMAC mission for an EMAC A-Team.
- The Regional Coordination Center-East is developing a Branch Tactical Plan for resources assigned by the SEOC and is preparing to execute the Coastal Regional Evacuation Plan and Sheltering (CRES) and the Border Control Traffic Plan with VDEM.
- The Regional Coordination Center-Central is developing a Branch Tactical Plan for resources assigned by the SEOC and developing plans for state supported Host Shelters per the CRES.
- The SERT Risk Management Branch is preparing predictive modeling based on MEOWS and 100 year flood event along most of our coastline to assist with evacuation decisions and timing thereof.
- We have also deployed three (3) CAMETS (Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailers) to host shelter operations and two (2) Mass Care Support Trailers to assist with sheltering operations.

The following information is furnished on the efforts and resources of other Federal agencies, which have been or will be used in responding to the incident.

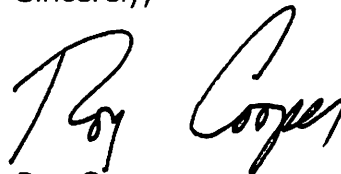
- In anticipation of possible shortfalls in the State's resources, FEMA has established an Incident Support Base at Ft. Bragg on September 09, 2018 to provide bottled water, meals, and generators.
- One (1) Alpha Pack.
- A FEMA Liaison officer was deployed on September 10, 2018.
- One pre-designated FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer.
- One (1) FEMA Region IV Incident Management Assistance Team.
- One (1) Mobile Communications Vehicle deployed to support North Carolina.
- U.S. Coast Guard.

I have designated Michael A. Sprayberry as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

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I appreciate your support and recognition of the threat that this storm poses to the state.

Sincerely,



Roy Cooper

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Enclosures

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