



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HAYWOOD
TOWN OF CANTON**

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

The following Proclamation is issued by the Mayor of the Town of Canton's Board of Aldermen/women:

WHEREAS, information from the National Weather Service and other sources have predicted that a winter storm is approaching western North Carolina and is likely to severely impact the region, such that a winter storm warning has been issued, which is occurring, and

WHEREAS, said winter storm has been forecasted to produce wind, snow and ice accumulation of such severity as to cause the potential for widespread power outages, damage to infrastructure and unsafe road conditions; and that such conditions are forecasted to exist in the Town of Canton and Haywood County; and

WHEREAS, the weather conditions associated with the winter storm constitutes an imminent threat of injury and/or loss of life and/or property; and

WHEREAS, Governor Roy Cooper by Executive Order No. 83, declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina on December 7th, 2018 that addresses this event.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in N.C.G.S. Article 1A Chapter 166A; N.C.G.S. Article 36A Chapter 14; and Article A of Chapter 3 of the Town of Canton Code of Ordinances, I, Zeb Smathers, Mayor of the Town of Canton's Board of Aldermen/women, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the Town of Canton.

I further proclaim that the directions set forth below, which are authorized by Article A of Chapter 3 of the Town of Canton Code of Ordinances, are necessary in order to maintain an acceptable level of public order, services, and protection of lives, safety and property during this emergency, and that the same shall be in effect within the Town of Canton until this Proclamation expires or is rescinded by the Town of Canton Board of Aldermen/women. I hereby order all town employees and all other emergency personnel subject to the authority granted to me as the Mayor of the Town of Canton Board of Aldermen/women to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency ordinances.

I further proclaim that the Emergency Response Plan adopted by the Town of Canton, an all applicable mutual assistance contracts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this proclamation expires or is rescinded by the Town of Canton Board of Aldermen/women. All emergency personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the Town of Canton's Emergency

Response Plan and all applicable mutual assistance contracts and agreements, and it furnish assistance thereunder.

I direct that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to our fellow municipalities, Haywood County Emergency Management, and mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted in the Town Manager's Office, on the Town of Canton website and other public buildings as appropriate.

This Proclamation shall be effective as of 10:30am on December 9th, 2018 and shall remain in effect unless rescinded by proclamation ratifying such State of Emergency.

DECLARED this the 9th of December, 2018, at 10:30am.

Zeb Smathers, Mayor
Town of Canton Board of Aldermen/women

Melisa Stinnett, Clerk to the Board
Town of Canton Board of Aldermen/women