



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

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, information from the National Weather Service and other sources predict that Hurricane Florence is approaching the State of North Carolina and is likely to severely impact areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, Governor Roy Cooper by Executive Order No. 51 declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina on September 7th, 2018 allowing him to mobilize resources including State emergency management, transportation, health experts and others in preparation for probable impacts resulting from Hurricane Florence which is expected to hit the State and which will influence public safety and transportation over the next several days; and

WHEREAS, said hurricane has been preceded, will be accompanied and will be followed by heavy rain of such severity as to cause the potential for widespread and severe damage to infrastructure, injury, loss of life or property, and/or the potential of widespread power outages in the Town of Canton and areas throughout Haywood County between Friday, September 14th, 2018 and Thursday, September 20th, 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described disaster, the Town Manager of the Town of Canton and I have determined that there is an obvious threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and the potential of widespread power outages; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is 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 Mayor Pro-Tem of the Town of Canton under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Article A of Chapter 3 of the Town of Canton Code of Ordinances, I, Mayor Pro-Tem Gail Mull of the Canton Board of Aldermen/women, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists with the Town of Canton and continued precautionary measures shall be taken. I further declare that the directions set forth below, which are authorized by Chapter 3 Article A

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 Declaration expires or is rescinded by the Town of Canton. I hereby order all town employees and all other emergency personnel subject to the authority granted to me as the Mayor Pro-Tem of the Town of Canton Board of Aldermen/women to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency ordinances.

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

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be only that which is within the jurisdiction of the Town of Canton.

Section 3. Any and all Emergency Management/Action Plans adopted by the Town of Canton, all action plans instituted by the Town Manager of Canton, and 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 town personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of Canton's Emergency Operations Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

Section 4. I hereby order all Canton 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 Canton Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 5. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be disseminated 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 Town of Canton; and (c) to be disseminated to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on Friday, September 14th, 2018 at 2:00pm and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded pursuant to Chapter 3 Article A of the Canton Code of Ordinances.

DECLARED this the 14th of September, 2018 at noon.

ATTEST:



Gail Mull, Mayor Pro-Tem
Canton Board of Aldermen/women



Melissa S. Stinnett, Clerk to the Board of the Town of Canton