

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, due to the significant imminent threats to persons, property, and public health, safety and welfare posed by the severe winter weather event occurring on dates in late January and early February 2026; 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 Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners and with the consent of the Mayors of the incorporated Towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and Manteo, I hereby declare, pursuant to Article 19.22 of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 92 - Emergency Management of the Dare County Code of Ordinances that a state of emergency as defined in Sections 19.3(6) and 19.3(19) of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes exists in Dare County including the incorporated Towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and Manteo.

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

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be Dare County to include the incorporated towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and Manteo.

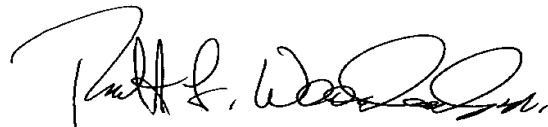
Section 3. I hereby order all Dare County law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the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

Section 4. 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 Dare County Board of Commissioners, (c) to be posted conspicuously on the Dare County website, (d) to be sent as an emergency alert using the Dare County mass notification system and the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, (e) to be submitted to the state's webEOC critical incident management system, and (f) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 5. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31, a violation of any of the restrictions and prohibitions imposed under this declaration is punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on January 30, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED



Robert L. "Bob" Woodard, Sr.
Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Clerk to the Dare County Board of Commissioners

