

## **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, current weather predictions indicate that a winter storm is anticipated to hit the County of Harnett and the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the winter storm, which includes the imminent threat of freezing rain, sleet, and/or snow, will likely have a significant impact on public and private property and could seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated impacts from the winter storm constitute a state of emergency as defined in N.C. Gen. State 166A-19.3(6) and 19.3(20); and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described weather event 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

**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 Board of Commissioners of the County of Harnett under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Harnett County Emergency Operations Plan as ratified by the Harnett County Board of Commissioners:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the County of Harnett and throughout the county limits of the County of Harnett.

**Section 2.** I hereby order all County 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 Harnett County Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 3.** 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.

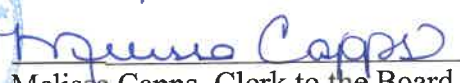
**Section 4.** This declaration shall take effect on January 24, 2026 at 12:00PM, and shall automatically expire on January 27, 2026 at 6:00p.m. unless otherwise modified or rescinded.

Declared this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2026

Attest:

  
Duncan E. Jagers, Chairman



  
Melissa Capps, Clerk to the Board