

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, due to the impacts of the break in the main transmission line bringing power on to Hatteras Island; and

WHEREAS, due to the life safety impacts from the loss of reliable electrical power and the need to conserve resources for essential services, 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners I hereby declare, pursuant to Article 19.20 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.

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of unincorporated Dare County, with the emergency area covered by this state of emergency to be Hatteras Island.

Section 2. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

A. Electrical power restrictions: All Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative customers shall remove all air-conditioning cooling systems and hot tub heaters from the power grid by securing system circuit breakers. This restriction does not apply to medical facilities, or County residents requiring air conditioning for medical necessity.

B. Due to life safety issues from the loss of reliable electrical power on Hatteras Island and uncertainty as to when repairs to the main transmission line can be completed to restore full power to the island, a mandatory evacuation has been issued for all visitors to Hatteras Island, effective at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2017.

C. Potable water on Hatteras Island is restricted to essential use only. The following mandatory water restrictions apply -

1. Do not fill pools or hot tubs.
2. Do not apply potable water to driveways or sidewalks for cleaning.
3. Do not use potable water for lawn irrigation.

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 the Clerk to the Dare County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 5. This declaration shall take effect on July 28, 2017 at 8:00 PM, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.



DECLARED

Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Dare County Board of Commissioners