



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, due to the approach of and possible impacts from Hurricane Dorian.

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 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 Dare County.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be Dare County.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

A. Evacuation: A mandatory evacuation of all visitors will begin at noon on September 3, 2019. A mandatory evacuation of all residents will begin at 600 am on September 4, 2019. Dare County Emergency personnel are not subject to this evacuation order.

B. Swimming Prohibition: Due to life-threatening ocean conditions that make ocean conditions unsafe for swimming no one shall make entry into the water of the Atlantic Ocean whether assisted by a raft, float, or other aid or device commonly used. Entry assisted by a "surfboard" is allowed until a Hurricane Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. A "surfboard" is defined as a fiberglass and foam combination at least five feet in length, having a minimum of one fin and used in conjunction with a leash.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on September 2, 2019 at 1000 AM, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED

Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dare County Clerk to the Dare County Board of Commissioners

