

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**PROCLAMATION OF A  
STATE OF EMERGENCY**

By the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Wake County:

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Florence is currently a category four storm that is forecast to make landfall along the North Carolina coast this week and bring damaging winds and heavy rain to Wake County.

**WHEREAS**, the hurricane is expected to knock down trees and power lines and cause significant flooding in Wake County, potentially leaving residents without power and access to services.

**WHEREAS**, the storm could cause damage to property, limit the transportation of goods and people from place to place, temporarily impact the economy of the County, and potentially result in injury or loss of life. To help mitigate the hurricane's effects, the County must act proactively to protect the community.

**WHEREAS**, this follows North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's proactive step to enact a State of Emergency for the state in advance of the hurricane's impact.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 1 of N.C. Gen. Stat. Chapter 166A, Article 36A of N.C. Gen. Stat. Chapter 14, and Chapter 70, Article 7 of the Wake County Ordinance, I, Jessica Holmes, Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the County of Wake and by request of the mayors or their appointed representatives of the City of Raleigh and the Towns of Apex, Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell and Zebulon, within the corporate limits of those municipalities.

I further proclaim that the ordinances set forth below, which are contained in Chapter 70 of the Wake County Ordinance, 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 County of Wake and, by request of the chief elected officials of the City of Raleigh and the Towns of Apex, Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell and Zebulon, within the corporate limits of those municipalities, until this Proclamation expires or is rescinded. I hereby order all county employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency ordinances set forth below.

I further proclaim that the Emergency Management Plan adopted by the County of Wake, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in

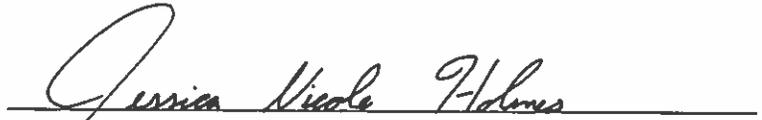
effect until this proclamation expires or is rescinded. All emergency management personnel subject to my control are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the County's Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

I hereby delegate to the Wake County Emergency Management Director, and/or his designee, all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and by Wake County Ordinance Chapter 70 Article 7, for the purpose of implementing the referenced Emergency Operations plan, and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of those dwelling in the County.

I direct that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted at the Wake County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

This proclamation shall become effective immediately upon endorsement, and shall continue until rescinded pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-288.16.

Proclaimed this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jerrica Nicole Holmes", is written over a solid horizontal line.

CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS