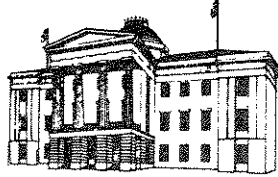


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 88 PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE OPHELIA

WHEREAS, I have determined that a state of emergency, as defined in N.C.G.S. §§ 166A-5 and 14-288.1(10), exists in the State of North Carolina, due to the approach and proximity of Hurricane Ophelia, which began on September 10, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 166A-5 and 14-288.15, I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a state of emergency in the State.

Section 2. I hereby order all state and local government entities and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. I hereby delegate to Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, 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 for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in the State.

Section 4. Further, Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, as chief coordinating officer for the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in N.C.G.S. § 143B-476.

Section 5. I hereby order this proclamation: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the

general public; (b) unless the circumstances of the state of emergency prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and, (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to assure proper implementation of this proclamation.

Section 6. This proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall continue until it is terminated in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this 10th day of September 2005



Mike Easley
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE