



## **DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY HURRICANE IDALIA**

**WHEREAS**, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) anticipates Hurricane Idalia (“Idalia”) will cause significant impacts to Columbus County; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper entered, by Executive Order No. 284, a “Declaration of a Statewide State of Emergency and Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations” for the State of North Carolina in response to Idalia; and

**WHEREAS**, Idalia could have a significant impact on public and private property and could seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency as ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

**WHEREAS**, certain measures are necessary to ensure the protection and safety of Columbus County residents and coordinate the emergency response in order to protect public health and public safety; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 7 of the Columbus County Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Columbus County.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be all areas within the jurisdiction of Columbus County, North Carolina, outside of the territorial boundaries of municipalities.

**Section 3.** I hereby order all county law enforcement officers, 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 Columbus 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 Clerk to the 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shall take effect on August 29, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, at  
4:28 p.m.

  
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Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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