



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

September 3, 2019

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 104

MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER FOR ALL NORTH CAROLINA ISLANDS

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is under imminent threat from Hurricane Dorian (“Hurricane”), which is anticipated to pass or make landfall on or about the evening of September 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that those in the Hurricane’s path will be exposed to a substantial risk of injury or death; and

WHEREAS, it is also expected that the Hurricane will cause significant damage to public and private property and may seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems; and

WHEREAS, the potential impacts from the Hurricane constitute a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.3(16); and

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 101 on August 31, 2019, declaring a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 101 further invokes the Emergency Management Act which authorizes the undersigned to exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid in the response to, recovery from, and mitigation against emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned requested an emergency declaration from the President of the United States on September 2, 2019, to provide for Public Assistance and direct Federal Assistance to the state, as those terms are used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(b) authorizes and empowers the undersigned to make and amend orders, rules, and regulations within the limits of the authority conferred upon the undersigned in the Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the execution of emergency powers under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30 is appropriate to ensure the public safety of residents and visitors located in the state; and

WHEREAS, coastal municipalities and counties have begun the process of issuing evacuation orders in advance of the Hurricane’s anticipated movement along the North Carolina coast; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned strongly recommends that residents and visitors follow the evacuation orders issued by North Carolina counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(b)(1), the undersigned has determined with the concurrence of the Council of State, that a state-ordered evacuation is

necessary for the preservation of life in the surrounding threatened areas or for other emergency mitigation, response, and recovery efforts.

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

Section 1.

I hereby declare that a mandatory evacuation order is in effect for all people residing or visiting the islands located on the coast of the State of North Carolina, including the barrier islands of the state. For purposes of this Executive Order, island is defined as “a piece of land completely surrounded by water.”

Section 2.

This Executive Order does not apply to emergency personnel who are operating on the islands to secure public safety or infrastructure requirements, or to acute and emergency medical care providers.

Section 3.

Municipalities and counties have the delegated authority to implement this Executive Order pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31.

Section 4.

- a. This Executive Order is effective at 8:00 a.m. on September 4, 2019, unless a different evacuation time has been ordered by local government officials. In such instances, the time ordered for evacuation by local government officials shall apply so long as that evacuation time is before 8:00 a.m. on September 4, 2019.
- b. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 3rd day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

