

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
WITHIN CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
DUE TO IMPACTS OF TROPICAL STORM DEBBY**

Whereas, the impact of Tropical Storm Debby has begun in Cumberland County during the morning of August 6, 2024; and

Whereas, the National Weather Service has placed a portion of central North Carolina, including Cumberland and adjoining counties, on Flood Watch status through Friday evening, August 9, 2024; and

Whereas, the forecast is for 8 to 16 total inches of rain by Friday night across the Flood Watch area with locally heavier amounts possible, resulting in a significant risk of flooding; and

Whereas, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners has determined that the impacts of Tropical Storm Debby within Cumberland County create an imminent threat of widespread or severe property damage and injury, including loss of life and property, to the extent that public safety authorities may become unable to maintain public order or provide adequate protection for lives or property; and

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 and protect public and private property.

Now therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Article 1 of Chapter 5 of the Cumberland County Code, the Board of Commissioners does hereby order as follows:

1. A State of Emergency is declared within all area of Cumberland County which is not located within the corporate limits of any municipality.
2. This State of Emergency shall extend to and cover all areas within the corporate limits of any municipality within Cumberland County for which the mayor or governing board makes an official request in writing to be included within this declaration, as evidenced by the request being attached hereto when received.
3. All residents within the County are advised to make immediate preparations for this emergency and to exercise appropriate caution with respect to the developing hazards which will be created by this emergency, to particularly include flash flooding and prolonged flooding.
4. The Cumberland County Emergency Operations Center is activated and shall be staffed appropriately to meet the needs created by this emergency.

5. All Cumberland County law enforcement officers, employees, and all other emergency management personnel subject to the control of the Board of Commissioners shall cooperate in implementation and enforcement of this declaration, the Cumberland County Emergency Operations Plan, and all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.

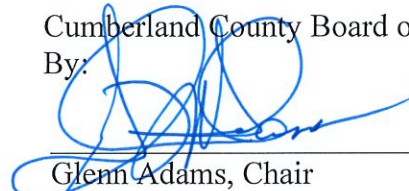
6. Where flood conditions exist, the Sheriff of Cumberland County, in consultation with the county manager or the county manager's designee, is given the authority to close streets, roads, highways, bridges, public vehicular areas, or other areas ordinarily used for vehicular travel, subject to the provisions of G.S. Sections 166A-19.70(c) and (d).

7. Residents should follow the county's press releases and social media platform sites for information on the availability of emergency shelters, street or road closures, and other information regarding the emergency.

8. This declaration shall be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the public; filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners; and distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation.

9. This declaration shall take effect upon its adoption August 6, 2024, at the time indicated with the signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners below and shall remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
By:



Glenn Adams, Chair

To be effective August 6, 2024, at 2:30 pm

Attest:



Andrea Tebbe, Clerk to the Board

