

**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**, current weather projections indicate that a winter storm is anticipated to impact Wake County starting on or about January 23, 2026, causing significant impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the projected winter storm will likely damage public and private property and could seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated impacts from the projected winter storm may result in extensive damage, including widespread power outages throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the prompt restoration of utility services is essential to the safety and well-being of the State's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated impacts from the projected winter storm constitute a state of emergency as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-1 9.3(6) and 166A-1 9.3(19); and

**WHEREAS**, the projected winter storm is likely to impact, and thereby create a state of emergency throughout, the entire county; and

**WHEREAS**, certain measures are necessary to ensure the protection and safety of Wake County residents and to coordinate the emergency response among county, state, and local entities and officials;

**WHEREAS**, the County is responsible for coordinating all Emergency Management Forces, and the preparation for this winter weather event is of the utmost importance for the preservation of life and property;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, according 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, Don Mial, Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the County of Wake. This proclamation also applies, at the request and with the consent of their governing bodies, mayors, or their appointed representatives, to the incorporated jurisdictions of Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon.

I further proclaim that the ordinances contained in Title VII, Chapter 70 of the Wake County Ordinance are necessary 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 governing bodies, the mayors, or their

appointed representatives of Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, Zebulon until this Proclamation terminates. . All Wake County y employees and other emergency management personnel subject to Wake County jurisdiction shall cooperate in enforcing and implementing Wake County emergency ordinances.

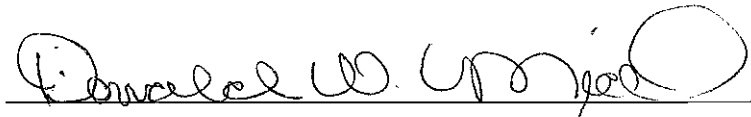
I further proclaim that the Emergency Management Plan adopted by the County of Wake and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this proclamation terminates. All emergency management personnel subject to Wake County jurisdiction shall cooperate in implementing the provisions of the County's Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements and shall furnish assistance thereunder.

I hereby delegate to the Wake County Emergency Management Director and 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 Title VII, Chapter 70, to implement 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 copies be posted on the Wake County website and at the Wake County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

This proclamation shall become effective immediately upon endorsement .

This is proclaimed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2026, at 4:00 pm.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Umrigar", is written over a horizontal line.

CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS