



PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2026, the Governor issued a State of Emergency for the state of North Carolina, including Guilford, due to the anticipated impacts of the winter storm expected to occur in our area on January 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County anticipates significant snow and ice accumulations that are likely to result in additional adverse weather conditions, icy roads, downed power lines and trees resulting in power outages throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, as result of the above-described disaster, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property and declaration is needed to support preparedness efforts and event response; 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 property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Guilford County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Article II of Chapter 7.5 of the Guilford County Code of Ordinances:

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

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the entire jurisdiction of Guilford County.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

A. Other:

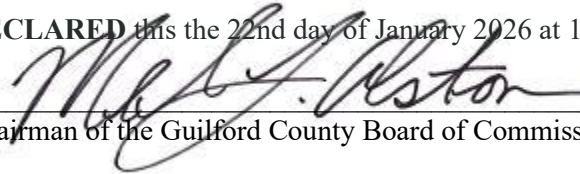
- a) Citizens are encouraged to stay off the roadways during the impact and post-impact timeframes of the storm if reasonably possible, and to limit travel so as not to interfere with efforts of emergency responders and repair crews.

Section 4. I hereby order all Guilford County law enforcement officers and 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 Guilford County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 5. 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 County Commissioners; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on the 22nd day of January 2026, at noon (12:00PM), and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 22nd day of January 2026 at 10:00AM


Chairman of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Clerk to Board

