



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, due to the significant imminent threats to persons, property, and public health, safety and welfare posed by the severe winter weather event occurring in late January and early February 2026; 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 Chairman of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners, I hereby declare, pursuant to Article 19.22 of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Article III. of Chapter 6 - Emergency Management of the Currituck County Code of Ordinances that a state of emergency as defined in Sections 19.3(6) and 19.3(19) of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes exists in Currituck County.

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

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be Currituck County.

Section 3. I hereby order all Currituck 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 Currituck County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. I hereby order this declaration to be distributed to the news media and others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 5. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31, a violation of any of the restrictions and prohibitions imposed under this declaration is punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on January 30, 2026 at 2:00 pm and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Paul O'Neal".

S. Paul O'Neal, Chairman