

A PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
BY THE COUNTY OF STOKES  
AND THE IMPOSITION OF PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY DO HEREBY ACT TO:

1. DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RECOGNITION OF THE PRESENT AND IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF CITIZENS OF STOKES COUNTY CAUSED BY THE FIRE LOCATED ON SUARATOWN MOUNTAIN.
2. IMPOSE THOSE PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE STOKES COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, PARTS 1 AND 2, AND DETAILED BELOW.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Stokes County (the "Commissioners") has determined that the impending fire on Sauratown Mountain endangers the lives, safety, health, and welfare of the people within Stokes County or any part thereof, or threatens damages to or destruction of property;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have further determined that the impending WILDLAND FIRE 11/18/2023 creates a time of public crisis or disaster in which public authorities may be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives, safety, or property without the prohibitions and restrictions hereinafter imposed; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA THAT;

1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared by the Commissioners to exist in Stokes County pursuant to Article 36a of Chapter 14, Chapter 16a, and Chapter 153a of the North Carolina General Statutes and Stokes County Emergency Ordinance Parts 1 and 2, as a result of the imminent threat of Suaratown Mountain Fire; and
2. Evacuation shall be recommended or mandated, as determined by the Stokes County Office of Emergency Management, the coordinating agency for all activity in connection with the State of Emergency; and
3. Access shall be prohibited to any area designated by any order, clearly posted notice, or barricade indicated that access is denied or restricted, or as determined by the Stokes County Office of Emergency Management; and
4. The Board of Commissioners of Stokes County shall by proclamation terminate the entire declaration of emergency or remove any prohibitions when the emergency no longer requires such action.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Stokes, North Carolina.

By:   
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:   
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners