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County Issues State of Emergency, Partially Activates EOC

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners has issued a State of Emergency (attached) effective at 3 p.m. today, Jan. 28, based on the impending impact of an approaching severe winter storm expected to bring extremely cold temperatures and accumulations of snow, sleet and ice.

Cumberland County Emergency Services has partially activated its Emergency Operations Center, located in the Law Enforcement Center.

Citizens are encouraged to be cautious on roadways as the storm approaches and to monitor local media regarding hazardous driving conditions.

Citizens who have any questions or concerns regarding the winter storm may call the Emergency Operations Center at 910-677-5509.

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PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Section 1. Pursuant to Cumberland County Code Chapter 5, Chapter 166A of the General Statutes and Article 36A, Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined in Cumberland County Code Chapter 5 exists in the County of Cumberland due to the impending and contemplated impact of a severe winter storm generating extremely cold temperatures with expected accumulation of snow, ice or sleet in such amounts as to create hazardous conditions for the citizens of the County.

Section 2. I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Cumberland.

Section 3. I hereby order all county law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of the county emergency ordinances set forth below.

Section 4. Execution of Emergency Plan. All civilians and emergency management personnel are ordered to comply with the emergency reaction plan.

Section 5. Emergency Shelter Operations. Due to the expected impact of this storm on travel, no special emergency shelters are scheduled for operations at this time. Homeless persons are advised to seek immediate shelter at an existing shelter. If the storm causes significant and wide-spread power outages, persons needing shelter should contact the Cumberland County Emergency Operations Center at (910) 677-5509.

Section 6. Employers are encouraged to allow non-essential employees to stay home and out of work in the event that county emergency management or law enforcement officials advise local print and broadcast media that hazardous travel conditions exist.

Section 7. All citizens are encouraged to stay off public streets except for emergency travel if emergency management or law enforcement officials advise local print and broadcast media that hazardous travel conditions exist. This advisory is for public safety due to the risk of downed trees and power lines and hazardous driving conditions.

Section 8. All citizens are encouraged to make preparations to have a supply of food, water and medicines and other essential items adequate for four days.

Section 9. This proclamation shall become effective on January 28, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

JEANNETTE M. COUNCIL, Chair, Board of Commissioners

By:

James Martin, County Manager