

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

September 15, 2018

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 56**  
**MODIFICATION AND PARTIAL RECISSION OF**  
**MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER**  
**FOR NORTH CAROLINA ISLANDS**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Florence (“Hurricane”) made landfall off the coast of North Carolina on or about 14 September 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of North Carolina in the Hurricane’s path are exposed to substantial risk of injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hurricane will cause significant damage to public and private property and may seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the result of flooding associated with the Hurricane has created substantial risk for catastrophic flooding as the Hurricane moves inland; and

**WHEREAS**, impacts from the Hurricane constitute a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.3(1); and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 51, declaring a State of Emergency on September 7, 2018, to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in North Carolina and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 51 invoked the Emergency Management Act, and authorizes the Governor to exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid in the response to, recovery from, and mitigation against emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration, FEMA-3401-EM, on September 10, 2018, for the State of North Carolina that provides, in part, for Public Assistance – Category B, including direct Federal Assistance to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 54, ordering a mandatory evacuation for all North Carolina islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States approved an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration for the State of North Carolina on September 14, 2018, and

**WHEREAS**, emergency response officials and personnel continue to make significant use of North Carolina roadways to reach Hurricane-affected areas; and

**WHEREAS**, some local government entities with jurisdiction over North Carolina islands have lifted mandatory evacuation orders that had been issued prior to the Hurricane’s landfall after

making a determination that conditions in the area permitted individuals returning to the islands; and

**WHEREAS**, other local government entities with jurisdiction over North Carolina islands have not lifted or rescinded mandatory evacuation orders.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

**Section 1.**

The mandatory evacuation order for North Carolina islands remains in place subject to the condition set forth in Section 2.

**Section 2.**

Where a local government entity with jurisdiction over an island or islands off the coast of the State of North Carolina, including barrier islands, has lifted a mandatory evacuation order put in place to address the Hurricane, the mandatory evacuation order issued in Executive Order 54 will be rescinded as it applies to an island under the jurisdiction of that local government entity.

**Section 3.**

Where a local government entity with jurisdiction over an island or islands off the coast of the State of North Carolina, including barrier islands, has not lifted a mandatory evacuation order put in place to address the Hurricane, the mandatory evacuation order issued in Executive Order 54 is not rescinded.

**Section 4.**

Where a local government entity with jurisdiction over an island or islands off the coast of the State of North Carolina, including barrier islands, has yet to lift a mandatory evacuation order put in place to address the Hurricane, but does so subsequent to the issuance of this Executive Order, then the provisions of Section 2 will apply.

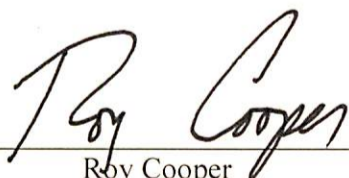
**Section 5.**

Where a local government entity with jurisdiction over an island or islands off the coast of the State of North Carolina, including barrier islands, issued a voluntary evacuation order as a result of the Hurricane and that order has been lifted, the mandatory evacuation order issued in Executive Order 54 is hereby rescinded.

**Section 6.**


This Order is effective at 5:00 pm on 15 September 2018 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Executive Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.



Roy Cooper  
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall  
Secretary of State

