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NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN PROMULGATION

North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) is committed to enhancing the state's resiliency by actively collaborating, communicating and coordinating to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from disasters. The purpose of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan (NCEOP) is to describe a system for effective use of resources to preserve the health, safety and welfare of those affected during emergencies.

The NCEOP establishes a framework of policy and guidance for worst-case emergency management operations. The plan institutes responsibilities for state departments, private volunteer organizations, and private non-profit organizations that compose the State Emergency Response Team (SERT). North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) is granted the responsibility and authority to respond to emergencies and disasters by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety who serves as the State Coordinating Officer (SCO). The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety is granted the authority and the responsibility for direction and control of state operations by the Governor in accordance with Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes. The NCEOP is intended in all instances to be consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

North Carolina Emergency Management is committed to refining these best practices as we respond to and learn from actual disaster and emergency experiences, planning activities, and training and exercises efforts.

In recognition of the emergency management responsibilities of North Carolina Emergency Management, I hereby promulgate the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

Signed by:
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