



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Whereas, current weather forecasts indicate that a winter storm is anticipated to hit the State of North Carolina and specifically Mitchell County causing significant impacts; and

Whereas, the projected winter storm poses a danger to public safety, threatening public and private property, and may disrupt essential services and transportation throughout the county; and

Whereas, the projected winter storm constitutes a state of emergency as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19); and

Whereas, certain measures are necessary to ensure the protection and safety of North Carolina residents and to coordinate the emergency response among state and local entities and officials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Mitchell County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes:

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

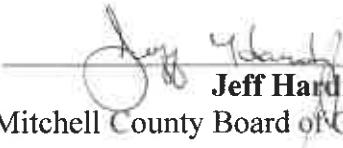
Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the entire jurisdiction.

Section 3. I hereby order all Mitchell County law enforcement officers, 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 Mitchell County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

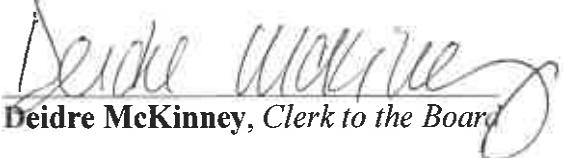
Section 5. This declaration shall take effect on Friday, January 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED



Jeff Harding, Chairman
Mitchell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Deidre McKinney, Clerk to the Board