

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** January 5, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Updated Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

**PRESENTER:** Tim McFalls, EM/Rescue Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Since 2000, Henderson County has participated in the North Carolina Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement allows counties and municipalities to share resources when events exceed the capability of a local jurisdiction. As part of the agreement those requesting assistance agree to reimburse agencies providing assistance for the costs incurred, as needed.

North Carolina Emergency Management assists in the coordination and reimbursement process as part of the overall disaster recovery model. Under the model in North Carolina agencies are not obligated to provide assistance but may offer assistance when there are no immediate needs in the home jurisdiction. Since the adoption of the original agreement, Henderson County has provided and received assistance during numerous incidents locally and statewide.

Our current agreement was executed by the Board of Commissioners in 2000 and updated in 2020. We would request the Board approve the new 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. The new agreement is required to be executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the County upon approval of the Board of Commissioners. Changes to the “Authorized Agents” can be made as needed by the Local Emergency Management Coordinator. This agreement, once executed, lasts for at least one year, and for subsequent years, unless terminated by a 60-day notice.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to approve the attached 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between Henderson County and North Carolina Emergency Management, authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement and authorize the County Emergency Management Coordinator to update the “Authorized Agents” as needed.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Henderson County Board of Commissioners to approve the attached 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between Henderson County and North Carolina Emergency Management and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement. I further authorize the County Emergency Management Coordinator to update the “Authorized Agents” as needed.*