

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

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

**MEETING DATE:** July 15, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Hurricane Helene State of Emergency

**PRESENTER:** Jimmy Brissie

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. Termination Resolution

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

On September 26, 2024, a State of Emergency (SOE) was declared for Henderson County in anticipation of impacts from Hurricane Helene. That declaration has remained in effect since. Over the past 22 months, the County has worked closely with local, state, and federal partners to respond to and recover from the storm's impacts. Until recently, several major roadways were still undergoing significant repair and reconstruction.

While substantial work remains, the County is no longer in a situation that requires operations to be conducted under emergency conditions. The State of North Carolina's SOE will remain in effect to support additional work being carried out by partner agencies. Therefore, staff recommend terminating the local State of Emergency for Hurricane Helene.

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

The Board is requested to authorize the termination of the Hurricane Helene State of Emergency.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board authorize the Chairman to terminate the local State of Emergency for Hurricane Helene.*

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

## **PROCLAMATION TERMINATING A COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY**

- Section 1. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 8AM., a local State of Emergency for Henderson County in response to Hurricane Helene was proclaimed for Henderson County.
- Section 2. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8AM., all county law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to control of the County were ordered to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of all applicable ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Henderson County Emergency Operations Plan.
- Section 3. I have determined that a State of Emergency no longer exists in Henderson County as it relates to Hurricane Helene.
- Section 4. I thereby terminate the proclamation of a local State of Emergency and all the orders therein.
- Section 5. This proclamation is effective immediately.

Proclaimed this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026, at 10:00 am.

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William Lapsley  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners, Chair

Attest:

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Denisa Lauffer  
Clerk to the Board