PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF TOPSAIL BEACH

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Topsail Beach has duly adopted ordinances pursuant to the provisions of N.C. G.S. 14-288.12 to determine and proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and to impose certain prohibitions and restrictions appropriate to meet the emergency; and

WHEREAS, due to the events of Hurricane Florence, the Town of Topsail Beach is currently under a state of emergency, which was instituted on September 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration is meant to provide an update to the current state of the Town and the conditions under which reentry will be allowed; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described hurricane, it has been determined that there is still a threat of, or existing conditions that may cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property in a manner consistent with our normal standards; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Topsail Beach do hereby proclaim:
I
A State of Emergency is still in effect in the jurisdiction of Topsail Beach.

II
Re-entry to the Town is contingent upon the following restrictions:

1) Town beaches are closed until further notice due to dangerous debris and unsafe conditions. The Town will revisit the beach closure as debris clean-up progresses. The general public is allowed for shopping and dining purpose only except during curfew.

2) A curfew is in effect from 11:00 PM until 7:00 AM. This will be strictly enforced. Residents and property owners are allowed only on their property.

3) Vacation and short-term rentals are prohibited until further notice.

4) All public beach and sound accesses will remain closed. The Bush Marina building and the boat slips will remain closed until repairs can be completed.

This Declaration shall take effect on October 11, 2018 at 7:00 AM and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Declared this 10th day of October, 2018

Howard M. Braxton Jr. Ed.D
Mayor

Attest:

Christina Burke
Town Clerk, NCCMC