

**PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE
MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF RICHLANDS**

SECTION I. I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined in Chapter 166A of the General Statutes exists in the Town of Richlands, North Carolina, due to the approach and proximity of Tropical Storm Ophelia on this date, September 22, 2023.

SECTION II. Pursuant to General Statute 166A-19.22, and Title 3, Chapter 93, Section 02 of the Richlands Code of Ordinances, I therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and Threatened Disaster in Richlands as of 8:00 PM on this 22nd day of September 2023.

SECTION III. I hereby order all Richlands officials and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provision of this Proclamation and the provisions of the Onslow County Emergency Operations Plan and the Richlands Emergency Management Plan.

SECTION IV. I HEREBY DELEGATE TO Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, or his designee, the authority granted by the Richlands Emergency Management Plan for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Management Plan, and to take such further action as may be necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace of Richlands, North Carolina.

SECTION V. Further, Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, is designated as Chief Coordinating Officer for Richlands for the duration of this Proclamation.


SECTION VI. Further, I waive the Richlands purchasing requirements in preparation and response concerning Tropical Storm Ophelia.

SECTION VII. I hereby order this proclamation to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public, unless the circumstances of the State of Emergency or Disaster prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Town Clerk and hereby posted in the Richlands Town Hall.

SECTION VIII. Pursuant to Section 93.02 of the Richlands Code of Ordinances, I hereby reserve the authority to impose a curfew by separate proclamation.

SECTION IX. This proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall continue until 12:01 AM on Monday, September 25, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND SIGNED THIS PROCLAMATION on this the 22nd day of September 2023.



McKinley Smith
Mayor, Town of Richlands



Erin Juhls
Town Clerk