

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF SALUDA )

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DUE TO HURRICANE HELENE.**

**WHEREAS**, Saluda County Code Section 2-60.1(c), gives County Council of Saluda County, South Carolina ("*Saluda County Council*") the authority to declare a state of public emergency via emergency ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, such emergency ordinances are valid for sixty days, after single reading, when a public emergency exists that affects the life, health, safety, or property of the citizens of Saluda County;

**WHEREAS**, such emergency ordinances are effective immediately upon enactment, without regard to ordinary reading, public hearing, publication requirements, or public notice requirements;

**WHEREAS**, every emergency ordinance shall be designated as such and declare and describe the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the above authority, Saluda County Council finds it necessary to enact an emergency ordinance for the purpose of declaring a state of emergency in Saluda County due to the negative impact of Hurricane Helene, as further described in the State of Emergency Declaration for Saluda County, attached as Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein by reference as if restated verbatim.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the County Council of Saluda County, the governing body of Saluda County, as follows:

**Section 1. Findings of Fact.** The findings of fact set forth in the above recitals are incorporated by reference as if restated verbatim.

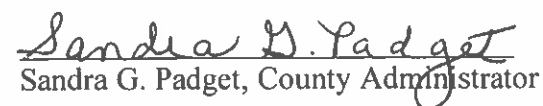
**Section 2.** Saluda County Council hereby declares a state of emergency due to Hurricane Helene, as further described in the formal State of Emergency Declaration for Saluda County, attached as Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference, and all directives set forth therein shall immediately proceed.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF September, 2024.

ATTEST:

SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL

  
Sandra G. Padget, County Administrator

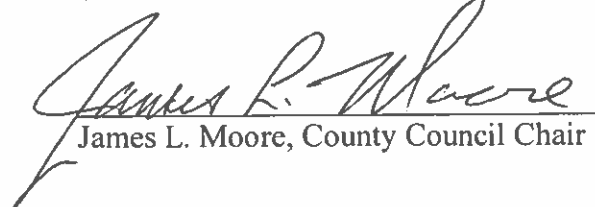
  
James L. Moore, County Council Chair

Exhibit A

**STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR SALUDA COUNTY**

A DECLARATION  
OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Pursuant to the authority granted to the County Council of Saluda County, South Carolina ("**Saluda County Council**") by and through Saluda County Code Section 2-60.1(c), Saluda County Council may declare a state of public emergency via emergency ordinance.

Pursuant to this authority, Saluda County Council finds that a State of Emergency exists due to the negative affect of Hurricane Helene on the life, health, safety, and property of the citizens of Saluda County.

Accordingly, Saluda County Council finds it necessary to declare a State of Emergency in the manner authorized by Saluda County Code Section 2-60.1(c).

NOW, THEREFORE, Saluda County Council hereby declares a State of Emergency to exist as set forth below and directs that the County Administrator and staff implement all necessary emergency procedures.

The areas of Saluda County affected by this Emergency Ordinance include all portions of Saluda County, including those municipalities where the Saluda County Sheriff Deputies are providing police protection at the request of the municipal governing body.

This State of Emergency shall continue until November 26, 2024, unless sooner terminated by act of Saluda County Council.

The County Administrator and Director of Emergency Management shall issue all such orders as they deem necessary to protect public life, health, and safety by carrying out the procedures set forth in Saluda County's emergency operations plan, including:

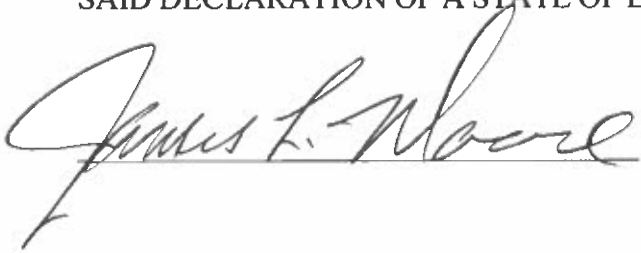
1. Utilize all available resources of County Government as reasonably necessary to cope with a disaster.
2. Transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of County Departments and agencies or units thereof for purposes of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable.
3. Compel performance by elected and appointed County Government officials and employees of the duties and functions assigned in the county emergency operations plan.
4. Contract, requisition and compensate for goods and services from private sources.
5. Direct and compel evacuation under Order of the Governor of the State, of all or part of

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the population from any stricken or threatened area within the County if such action is deemed necessary for preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery.

6. Prescribe routes, nodes of transportation, and destination in connection with evacuation.
7. Control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area, the movement of persons within the area and the occupancy of premises therein.
8. Make provisions for the availability and use of temporary housing.
9. Suspend or limit non-emergency activities and prohibit public assemblies.

SAID DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY made this 27th day of September 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James L. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.