

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

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

Section II. Pursuant to General Statutes 166A-4.1, I therefore proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and Threatened Disaster in Swansboro.

Section III. I hereby order all Swansboro 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 Swansboro's Storm Preparedness Plan.

Section IV. I hereby delegate to Paula Webb, Town Manager or his designee the authority granted by the Swansboro Storm Preparedness Plan for the purpose of implementing the said Storm Preparedness Plan, and to take such further action as may be necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace of Swansboro, North Carolina.

Section V. Further, Jacob Randall, Fire Chief is designated as Chief Coordinating Officer for Swansboro for the duration of this Proclamation.

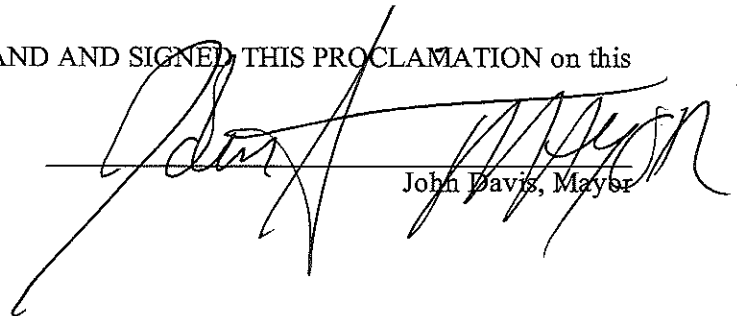
Section VI. Further, I waive the Swansboro purchasing requirements in preparation and response concerning Tropical Storm Ophelia.

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 Swansboro Town Hall.

Section VIII. In order to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of Swansboro citizens, and to protect their property as a result of evacuations, I hereby urge the citizens of Swansboro to voluntarily restrict their appearance in public except for law enforcement; emergency services personnel, emergency utility workers, and elected and appointed county and municipal officials.

Section IX. This proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall continue until it is rescinded in writing.

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



John Davis, Mayor

Attest:



Alissa Fender, Town Clerk