

**PROCLAMATION FOR THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, NC**  
**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2026, the Governor issued a State of Emergency for the state of North Carolina, due to the anticipated impacts of the winter storm expected to occur in our area on January 24, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2026 Johnston County, NC also declared a State of Emergency in advance of the approaching storm in order to operationalize its winter weather response plans and adjust services and staffing based on evolving conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Smithfield anticipates significant snow and ice accumulations that are likely to result in additional adverse weather conditions, icy roads, downed power lines and trees resulting in power outages throughout the town; and

**WHEREAS**, as result of the above-described disaster, I, Mayor M. Andy Moore, have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property and declaration is needed to support preparedness efforts and event response; 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**, pursuant to the authority contained in NC G.S. 166A.19.22, and Section 2-114 of the Town of Smithfield's Administrative Code of Ordinances, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of Smithfield, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the Town of Smithfield.

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the Town of Smithfield, NC.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be all areas within the entire jurisdiction of the Town of Smithfield, NC.

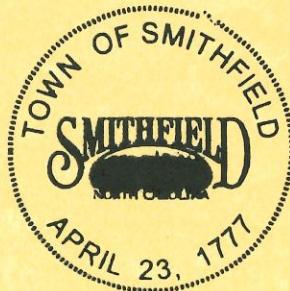
**Section 3.** The Emergency Management Plan adopted by Johnston County, and all applicable mutual assistance contracts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until the proclamation expires or is rescinded.

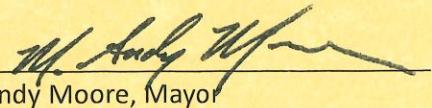
**Section 4.** I hereby order all Town of Smithfield law personnel to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the Johnston County Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance contracts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

**Section 5.** I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be posted on the Town Website, and made available to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Smithfield; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 6.** This declaration shall take effect on January 24, 2026, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Duly proclaimed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.



  
M. Andy Moore, Mayor