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CATAWBA COUNTY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO WINTER STORM

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners, has declared a State of Emergency for Catawba County as of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, due to the winter storm which began in the county early on the afternoon of February 12 and is predicted to bring between 8 and 12 inches of snow to the county.

The text of the declaration is as follows:

1. Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Catawba County pursuant to Article 19.22 of Chapter 166A and Article 36 of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 14 of the Catawba County Code of Ordinances, I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined in the county Emergency Management Ordinance exists because of a major winter storm predicted to severely impact North Carolina. The National Weather Service and other sources estimate Catawba County will receive between 8 and 12 inches of snow.
2. I, therefore, declare the existence of a State of Emergency within Catawba County. The emergency area covered by this declaration shall be all unincorporated areas within Catawba County.
3. The restrictions and prohibitions ordered below are necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.
4. **The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:** none.
5. **Execution of Emergency Plan.** I hereby order all county law enforcement officers, employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the Catawba County Emergency Operations Plan and the restrictions and provisions of this declaration.
6. This proclamation shall become effective immediately.

Proclaimed this the 12th day of February 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

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