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**STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR CATAWBA COUNTY
FOLLOWING FLOODING**

NEWTON, NC— Catawba County Board of Commissioners Chair Katherine W. Barnes declared a State of Emergency for Catawba County at 11:10 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2013, in response to serious flooding in several areas of the county.

The text of the declaration is as follows:

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

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: multiple flash flooding events throughout Catawba County resulting in citizens being displaced from their homes and multiple swift water rescue events.
2. I, therefore, declare the existence of a State of Emergency within Catawba County. The emergency area covered by this declaration shall be the entire area of Catawba County.
3. **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.
4. This proclamation shall become effective immediately.

Proclaimed this the 27 day of July 2013, at 11:10 (a.m.).

Kitty W. Barnes
CHAIRMAN, CATAWBA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



“As rain is expected to continue during the afternoon of July 27, safety is of primary importance,” said Mark Pettit, Catawba County Assistant Director of Emergency Services. “Everyone is asked to stay off the roads unless travel is absolutely necessary, for their own safety. No one should ever drive or walk across flooded roadways and should stay away from swift moving water, downed power lines and poles.”

County officials are encouraging all residents to register for the Community Alert System to receive important messages during and after emergencies such as this flooding.

To register for the Community Alert System, go to www.catawbacountync.gov/alert or call 828-465-8230 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

