

RESOLUTION #2011-017

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND EXECUTIVE ORDER**

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Caroline County is expected to suffer serious consequences as a result of Hurricane Irene, which will impact Caroline County on August 27 and 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Governor Martin O'Malley declared via Executive Order a state of emergency in the State of Maryland on August 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Caroline County may suffer from the effects of the tropical storm and hurricane conditions of heavy rains and very high winds; and

WHEREAS, the conditions may render County roads and State highways impassable and dangerous, thereby significantly hampering the ability of the fire service, emergency medical service, law enforcement, public works departments, power companies, and other essential service providers to perform their duties in a safe and productive fashion; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irene may require prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety, and welfare of people or to limit damage to property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the principal executive officer of a political subdivision may declare a local state of emergency in order to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local state of emergency plan and authorize the provision of aid and assistance under such plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY THAT a state of local emergency exists in Caroline County due to the expected impact of Hurricane Irene.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT Caroline County, its employees, servants, and agents are empowered to do all acts and implement all procedures considered necessary to prevent or alleviate the effects of the emergency, including:

- Cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock, animals and personal property from areas designated in the declaration within the local authority's jurisdiction that is or may be affected by an emergency or a disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons, livestock, animals and personal property.
- Authorize or require any person to render assistance of a type the person is qualified to provide or otherwise is or may be required to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.

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- Control or prohibit travel to or from any area designated in the declaration within the local authority's jurisdiction.
- Provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of the local authority's jurisdiction.
- Acquire or use any land or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is considered by the local authority to be necessary or appropriate in order to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program or if otherwise considered by the local authority to be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Construct works considered by the local authority to be necessary or appropriate to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- Procure, fuel, equipment, medical supplies or other essential supplies and the use of any property, services, resources or equipment within the designated in the declaration within the local authority's jurisdiction for the duration of the state of local emergency.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this state of emergency shall be effective beginning at 12:00 PM on August 26, 2011 and will continue until cancelled by order of the President of the County Commissioners of Caroline County or by the Governor of Maryland, but shall not continue for more than seven days.

ADOPTED/EFFECTIVE: August 26, 2011

PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Attest:

Sara B. Visintainer

Sara B. Visintainer
Executive Assistant

Jefferson L. Christ

Jefferson L. Christ, President
County Commissioners of
Caroline County, Maryland



STATE OF MARYLAND CAROLINE COUNTY
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Sara B. Visintainer Clerk
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