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McDowell County

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY McDOWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, information from the National Weather Service and other sources indicate that Winter Storm Fern will impact McDowell County; and

WHEREAS, there is a high probability that the path of the storm will cause it to affect McDowell County for the next 24-48 hours; and

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Fern is likely to be of such severity as to be capable of causing widespread power outages and significant ice accumulation; and further that such conditions may exist across McDowell County for several days; and

WHEREAS, the weather conditions associated with this storm are such as to constitute an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the McDowell County Board of Commissioners under Article 1A of Chapter 166A and 36A of Chapter 14 of North Carolina General Statutes, and under the McDowell County Emergency Operations Plan; a State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of McDowell County, and by request of the mayors of the City of Marion and the Town of Old Fort. There are no prohibitions with this declaration.

I further proclaim that the Emergency Operations Plan adopted by McDowell County, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this proclamation expires or is rescinded.

All personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the County's Emergency Operations Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance there under.

This Proclamation shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of five days unless rescinded sooner.

Proclaimed this the 23rd day of January 2026 at 12:00pm.

A handwritten signature of Tony G. Brown in black ink.

Tony G. Brown, Chairman
McDowell County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Madalyn Robinson in black ink.

Madalyn Robinson
Clerk to the Board

