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Bertie County takes precautions ahead of Hurricane Michael

Refuge shelter slated to open, State of Emergency in effect Thursday, October 11

WINDSOR, NC—This afternoon Board Chair Ernestine Bazemore signed a "State of Emergency" declaration in anticipation of Hurricane Michael which will be effective at 8:00 a.m. Thursday October 11, 2018.

Bertie County Emergency Management staff is monitoring the storm's progress and is communicating every three hours with the National Weather Service in Wakefield, VA.

Bertie County will open an emergency shelter for vulnerable populations--those people living in housing which may not be structurally adequate to withstand tropical storm or hurricane wind gusts. Persons living in mobile homes are encouraged to move your families to the emergency shelter for Thursday night. **This is be a refuge shelter only. The County will only provide water, MRE's and cots.**

The shelter will be operated in the Cashie Convention Center located in the HTM building on County Farm Road.

The emergency shelter will be open at 5:00 p.m. Thursday evening and remain open until the storm clears on Friday morning.

Bertie County offices and the Courthouse will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday in preparation for the storm's arrival.

Questions and media interview requests can be submitted to Scott Sauer at 794-5300, or by email at scott.sauer@bertie.nc.gov.

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