

**MAYOR**

Keith Warren

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## DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sawmills is under imminent threat for substantial impacts from Winter Storm Fern; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that the people of the Town of Sawmills in the storm's path will be exposed to a substantial risk of injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that Winter Storm Fern will produce significant snowfall, sleet, freezing rain and ice, which has the potential to cause significant damage to public and private property and may seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Sawmills, NC under Article IA of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the boundaries of the Town of Sawmills, as more particularly described in Section 2.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be (check box):

- All areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Sawmills
- The following specific areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Sawmills

**Section 3.** The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed (check all that apply):

**Evacuation:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Curfew:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Restricted Access:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Business Operations:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Alcohol:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dangerous Weapons & Gasoline:** Except for lawfully possessed firearms (handgun, rifle, or shotgun) and ammunition

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**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

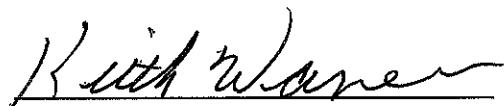
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✓ **No restrictions or prohibitions are imposed at this time.**

**Section 4.** I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Town Clerk of the Town of Sawmills; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

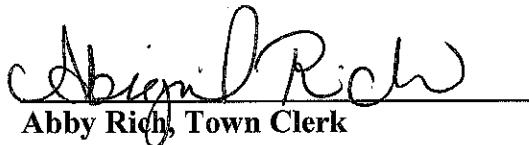
**Section 5.** This declaration shall take effect on January 24, 2026, at 09:00 hours (9:00a.m.) and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this January 23, 2026, at 14:00 hours.



Keith Warren, Mayor  
Town of Sawmills

ATTEST:



Abby Rich, Town Clerk

RESCINDED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Time

Authorized Official

