



**Town of Belhaven, North Carolina**  
**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**  
**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Ophelia is predicted to make landfall in eastern North Carolina and bring destructive winds and flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above-described disaster, it has been determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; 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 Belhaven under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes;

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the town of Belhaven.

**Section 2.** The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

- A. **Restricted Access:** Town of Belhaven officials may restrict or deny access to any area, location, or street where such a restriction is necessary in order to help overcome this emergency or to prevent the emergency from worsening. These restrictions on access shall be indicated by barricades, barrels, posted notices, or orders to anyone in the area. No person shall obtain access or attempt to obtain access to any area, location or street to which the Chief of Police or other emergency officials of Beaufort County has restricted access according to this State of Emergency.

**Section 3.** I hereby order all town of Belhaven law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the town of Belhaven Emergency Operations Plan. Anyone violating any restriction imposed by this State of Emergency violates a City Ordinance and is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**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 Clerk to the town of Belhaven Board of Aldermen and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 5.** This declaration shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED** this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2023 at 9:30AM

/s/ Ricky Credle  
Mayor, Town of Belhaven

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Lynn Davis  
Town Manager, Town of Belhaven