

**TOWN OF CLAYTON
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, imminent threat of severe winter weather is forecasted to affect the Town of Clayton ("Town") beginning January 24, 2026, causing severe impacts; and

WHEREAS, forecasted snow, sleet, and freezing rain accompanied by other elements of a winter storm is anticipated to affect the Town's utility infrastructure and the travelling public; and

WHEREAS, the projected winter storm will likely damage public and private property and could seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems unless substantial efforts are taken by the Town in preparing for this impending emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Clayton is authorized, pursuant North Carolina General Statute 166A-19.22(a) and Chapter 93, Section 93.02, of the Clayton Town Code of Ordinances, to issue proclamations of emergency whenever times of public disaster or crisis exist; and

WHEREAS, through executive order the Governor of the State of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for the entire State of North Carolina, including the Town of Clayton.

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Mayor of the Town of Clayton that the Town is hereby declared to be in a state of emergency to take effect at the date and time issued below as follows:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the entire jurisdiction of the Town of Clayton.

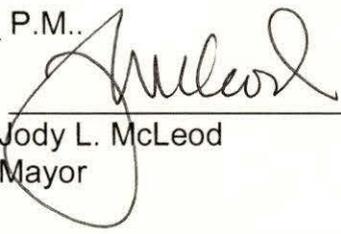
Section 2. All Town law enforcement officers, employees, and all other emergency management personnel are encouraged to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of all applicable local ordinances and the Town of Clayton Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. I hereby authorize the Town of Clayton Town Manager to take all necessary actions in order to assist in maintaining the public order or afford adequate protection for lives, safety, or property as needed.

Section 4. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and sunshine list to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the office of the Town Clerk; (c) to be posted on the Town of Clayton buildings; and (d) to be electronically posted to the Town of Clayton website.

Section 5. This Declaration shall take effect on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Issued this 24th day of January 2026 at 1:30 P.M.



Jody L. McLeod
Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi L. Holland
Heidi L. Holland, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

