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## **DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

On this **25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026** and pursuant to §44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, The Nelson County Director of Emergency Services subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, does hereby issue this Declaration of Local Emergency due to the following related to Winter Storm Fern:

1. The County of Nelson is facing dangerous weather conditions; and
2. A local emergency is imminent and/or exists throughout Nelson County; and
3. A condition of extreme peril to life and property necessitates the declaration of a local emergency; and
4. The Governor of Virginia has also declared a State of Emergency throughout the Commonwealth

During the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services or their designee shall be those prescribed by State Law and the Ordinances, Resolutions, and approved plans of Nelson County in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

Pursuant to §44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia and Nelson County Code Article III, Section 2-74, this Declaration is subject to confirmation by the governing body at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within five days of the declaration, whichever occurs first. The governing body, when in its judgment all emergency actions have been taken, shall take appropriate action to end the declared emergency.

The Nelson County Director of Emergency Services or their designee shall notify the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) that all local resources have been committed in the disaster and that assistance may be requested from the state.