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PROCLAMATION

Hurricane Preparedness Week 2018 May 13 - 19, 2018

WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of the leading states for overall damage from hurricanes, and

WHEREAS, these tropical storms can claim lives and destroy property through storm surge, destructive winds, flooding, tornadoes, and landslides, and weaker tropical storms can also cause severe damage; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Emergency Management and local government officials work together with the National Weather Service before and during a hurricane or tropical storm to reduce the possible dangers posed to lives and property, and to provide an effective response to these storms; and

WHEREAS, because hurricane season in the Atlantic begins June 1, the Town of Emerald Isle encourages all residents and property owners to plan and prepare for hurricanes and other tropical storm systems; and

WHEREAS, to get ready for hurricane season, emergency management experts recommend that people review their emergency plans and update their insurance policies to confirm they include coverage for accidental damage, natural disasters, and flooding; and

WHEREAS, experts also recommend that people maintain emergency supply kits with enough non-perishable food and water to sustain family members for at least three to seven days, including arrangements for the care of your pets; people should also learn their evacuation routes and be prepared to comply with local authorities when asked to evacuate; and

WHEREAS, each household should identify an out-of-state friend and tell them of their emergency plan so that all family members have a point of contact during a disaster, in case communication becomes difficult; and

WHEREAS, the www.readync.org website offers additional tips for preparing for natural disasters, as well as real-time weather and traffic conditions for all parts of North Carolina; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eddie Barber, Mayor of the Town of Emerald Isle, do hereby proclaim **May 13 – 19, 2018**, as “Hurricane Preparedness Week” in Emerald Isle and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate activities and to be diligent and prepared for hurricanes and tropical storm systems.

Proclaimed this 13th day of May, 2018.

Eddie Barber, Mayor