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For Immediate Release:

Hurricane Florence Preparation and Evacuation
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Carteret County N.C. – With the threat of Hurricane Florence on Carteret County for Thursday September 13, 2018, the Emergency Management Division advises that residents follow the listed preparations below and evacuate.

The Carteret County Emergency Management Division urges residents to do the following:

Updates of Storm Arrival: Citizens should listen to the local news for the latest advisories from the National Weather Service, the National Hurricane Center (NHC), as well as state and local emergency management officials. Updates will be listed to the Carteret County and Carteret County Emergency Services Facebook page.

County Evacuation to begin Tuesday September 11 at Noon. Citizens and visitors in Carteret County must plan for an evacuation now. Please leave early, especially those that will be traveling with boats or trailers. Citizens and visitors should plan to be at a safe location and sheltered by Wednesday, September 12 at 8 p.m.

Public shelters will be set up for evacuees outside of the County. However, it might be more comfortable for those who evacuate to stay at a hotel or friend's home that is out of the storm's path. These arrangements must be made now since hotels fill up quickly. Please monitor the County's Facebook pages or download readync.gov for updates on shelter locations.

Medically fragile citizens should contact the Emergency Management office at 252-222-5841 at the start of the evacuation for shelter information.

Fuel Cars, Obtain Cash, and Secure Important Documents: Residents should fill their cars with gasoline and have enough cash on hand to last a week. During power-outages, gas stations and ATM machines do not work. It is also important to secure original copies of documents in a waterproof container in case of flooding.

Prepare an emergency kit: Please prepare an emergency kit for the hurricane. This kit should contain nonperishable food, water (one gallon/person/day) and clothing to sustain each family member for three days. It might be necessary for you to use the kit at your evacuation location. The kit should also include a flashlight, radio and spare batteries. Blankets, rain gear and appropriate footwear also are recommended. Special considerations must be made for the young or disabled. Remember to include baby food and medications as appropriate. In addition, the kit should include photo copies of important family documents, such as birth certificates and insurance policies. It is imperative that the kit be complete and ready so that in a disaster the family knows that all of its needs will be met during the ordeal.

Obtain Supplies to Protect the Home: If you haven't already, please protect your home from the storm. All outdoor objects, including trash cans and patio furniture, should be brought indoors or tied down. Homeowners should clear their property of all debris that could damage buildings in strong winds. It is recommended that all nearby residents protect their homes by boarding the windows and clearing the yard of loose branches and other debris. Finally, cars should be stored in the garage.

Gather Supplies: This may be the final opportunity to gather supplies from local grocery stores. All residents should have an emergency kit with bottled water, precooked, nonperishable foods, flash lights, a battery-powered radio and paper goods. It is also important to keep ice on hand in case the power fails. Candles are not recommended for safety reasons.

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