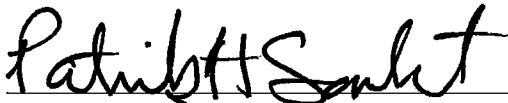


PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

- SECTION 1 Pursuant to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Emergency Ordinance and Chapter 166A of North Carolina's General Statutes and Article 36A of Chapter North Carolina's General Statutes, I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined in the Tribal State of Emergency Ordinance does exist on the Qualla Boundary due to the severe drought conditions and active wildfire risks.
- SECTION 2 I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency on the Qualla Boundary.
- SECTION 3 I hereby order all Tribal law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of the Tribal Emergency Ordinances set forth below.
- SECTION 4 Tribal personnel are authorized to establish emergency shelters and to expand necessary Tribal funds to provide temporary congregate care for the Qualla Boundary citizens affected by the emergency.
- SECTION 5 Tribal agencies shall work cooperatively to assure the needs of the Qualla Boundary citizens are met to the extent possible with those resources under my control.
- SECTION 6 EXECUTION OF EMERGENCY PLAN. All civilians and emergency management personnel are ordered to comply with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' All Hazards, Emergency Plan.
- SECTION 7 CLOSURE TO PUBLIC ACCESS ROADS. Roads that access the areas of the emergency are hereby closed to the public until a time at which the emergency has been resolved. Emergency Management will work closely with landowners to provide access as needed during this time.
- SECTION 7 This proclamation shall become effective immediately until further notice. Proclaimed this the 10th day of November, 2016.


Patrick H. Lambert
Principal Chief
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

