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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## State of Emergency Declared in Henderson County

**HC-2015-47**

**Hendersonville, NC - October 2, 2015**

At 12:00 p.m., Henderson County Manager, Steve Wyatt, declared a State of Emergency for Henderson County due to public safety hazards relating to the continuing rain. The State of Emergency will continue until emergency service officials advise otherwise.

"This event could become a major disaster for the citizens of Henderson County. By declaring an emergency in the earliest stages we are placing our citizens in a position to receive the best possible response," said Emergency Services Director Rocky Hyder.

Sheriff McDonald stated "We are asking people to make sure they are prepared for the possible inconveniences of flooding, downed trees, power outages and flood damage. Make contingency plans for worst-case scenarios that could apply to you or your family. Know where you might need to go in the event you must leave your home. Always be prepared to shelter in place for a minimum of 5 days without power or normal water supplies. When on the roads **DO NOT DRIVE AROUND BARRICADES**. We will be ticketing drivers who do so. Risking the lives of emergency services personnel is unnecessarily detrimental to them, as well as your fellow citizens who may also need their help. Be prepared where feasible to assist your neighbors."

If you need emergency information, please call (828) 697-4728 or log on to [www.hendersoncountync.org](http://www.hendersoncountync.org) and click on View Emergency Information.

Locations of any **Emergency Shelters** are currently on stand-by and when opened can be found on the website above or by calling the above phone number. If you need a ride to a shelter, please call (828) 697-4728.

If you have an actual emergency dial 9-1-1.

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