Resolution

Recognizing Polk County North Carolina

Emergency Workers During Hurricane Helene

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2024, Hurricane Helene struck Western North Carolina with force, bringing severe weather, threats to public safety, destruction of infrastructure, and critical telecommunications which left the citizens of Polk County without service, internet, or phone connection; and

WHEREAS, throughout the duration of the storm and its aftermath, Polk County's emergency workers, including, those in Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Rescue, and Law Enforcement, demonstrated, bravery, commitment, and courage, and

WHEREAS, with normal communication destroyed, county officials and emergency responders were forced to use creative and unconventional methods to share urgent messages, coordinate rescue efforts, and prioritize the safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, these individuals worked tirelessly risking their own safety to protect lives, maintain essential services, provide timely communication, and support recovery efforts, under hazardous and demanding conditions; and

WHEREAS, their dedication exemplifies the highest standards of public service and reflects the resilience and strength of the Polk County community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and expresses its deepest gratitude to all emergency workers who served during Hurricane Helene, and honors their extraordinary efforts, sacrifice, and service to the citizens of Polk County.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____ 2025

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Kennedy Freeman
Clerk to the Board

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Myron Yoder
Chairman