



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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RALEIGH 27601

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Roy A. Cooper  
Governor of North Carolina  
20301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Governor Cooper:

After speaking with members of your staff today we understand that you will not grant our request to call the North Carolina General Assembly into extra session on Friday, September 28, 2018, to begin assisting the victims of Hurricane Florence.

As we outlined in our letter sent September 21, 2018, there are pressing items that should be addressed prior to the October 9, 2018 date that you set, including:

- Providing certainty to teachers and other education personnel concerned about compensation for days on which schools were closed due to Hurricane Florence;
- Making appropriate accommodations for counties to manage school calendar requirements, similar to the policies we implemented after Hurricane Matthew;
- Clearing potential legal and fiscal hurdles in preparation for a federal relief package;
- Delaying upcoming small business tax deadlines;
- Adjusting vehicle title replacement policies to allow maximum flexibility for storm victims;
- Funding certain disaster-related accounts.

Therefore, we propose a two-prong solution. First, we request you accelerate the date of your call to extra session to October 2, 2018 to allow these immediate steps to be taken. We would then adjourn the session until October 9, 2018 to address any funding issues and needs assessments prepared by executive agencies. We ask also that you dissolve your extra session proclamation for October 9, 2018 because it would be unnecessary given the new timeline.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to allow the executive and legislative branches to begin addressing the urgent needs of North Carolinians we represent in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

Sincerely,



Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore  
North Carolina Senate



Tim Moore  
Speaker  
North Carolina House of Representatives