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River Bend Declares State of Emergency

River Bend, N.C. – The Town of River Bend declared a State of Emergency to be effective at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in anticipation of high winds, heavy rain, and flooding impacts from Hurricane Florence. High winds, heavy rain and flooding have the potential for life threatening conditions and widespread damages that could last several days to weeks after the initial storm.

All citizens, law enforcement and emergency response personnel are encouraged to cooperate with all safety measures being taken and abide by any restrictions which may become necessary to overcome the emergency situation.

All Town parks and outdoor facilities will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 and will remain closed until conditions permit them to reopen.

Anyone who is capable of evacuating is strongly encouraged to do so. Based on current National Weather Service forecasts, there will be substantial amounts of rainfall and storm surge that are very likely to cause severe flooding conditions in widespread areas of town. There will also be hurricane force winds that may create downed trees and power lines and create power outages that may last 5 days or more. It may be very difficult to return to River Bend after the storm. If you leave, take plenty of clothing, supplies with you.

For as long as electrical and internet service are available, River Bend emergency updates will appear on the Town's website at www.riverbendnc.org

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