

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 20

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY  
TROPICAL STORM HERMINE**

WHEREAS, Worcester County, Maryland is exposed to hazards, all of which have the potential for creating casualties, disrupting the community, and causing damage; and

WHEREAS, having been advised and informed by the National Weather Service, the National Hurricane Center, and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency that, as a result of the impending occurrence of Tropical Storm Hermine, there is a need for special preparedness and response for which resources may be required; and

WHEREAS, beginning on September 3, 2016, severe weather conditions, including heavy rains, strong winds, storm surge and potential flooding, now threatens homes and other structures and the flow of traffic throughout the County, and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency has urged all residents in the projected path of Tropical Storm Hermine to take steps now to prepare their families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, although the precise path of Tropical Storm Hermine is uncertain, Worcester County must take steps to prepare for potential destruction and minimize the threat to public safety and the lives of all County residents and visitors who may find themselves in the path of Tropical Storm Hermine; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to take protective actions to protect the lives and property of impacted citizens from the potentially disastrous effects of Tropical Storm Hermine, especially in low-lying areas along the Atlantic Ocean, the Atlantic Coastal Bays and their tributaries, and the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Worcester County Emergency Operations Plan, the Board of County Commissioners have the authority and responsibility to declare an official State of Emergency and plan for the evacuation of certain areas of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that:

1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared in Worcester County, Maryland.
2. The Worcester County Emergency Operation Plan is hereby invoked.
3. The County Commissioners strongly recommend advanced preparations by all residents.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and remain in effect until rescinded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:



Harold L. Higgins  
Chief Administrative Officer

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Madison J. Bunting, Jr., President