

**Item Title:** Approval of Mutual Aid Agreements between Wake County and Chatham, Lee, and Harnett Counties

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to sign the attached Mutual Aid Agreements.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** Mutual aid agreements are authorized under Chapter 166A-19.72 of the North Carolina General Statutes which requires the chief executive to obtain concurrence of the Board to sign Mutual Aid Agreements.

**Background:** The agreement between Wake County, Chatham County, Lee County, and Harnett County is established under the authority of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, which permits mutual aid agreements for emergency management. The agreements specifically empower Wake County to activate the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) and issue Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) messages on behalf of the other counties in emergencies, including incidents involving the Harris Nuclear Plant.

Wake County has had mutual aid agreements in place with these counties since 2014. This update is being submitted to fulfill requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and to allow Duke Energy to receive approval of an Alert and Notification System (ANS) Design Report from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**Strategic Plan:** This action supports Safer Community Together Goal 1: By 2029, 80% of all County public safety calls will receive an appropriate and timely emergency response.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

None.

**Attachments:**

1. Wake – Chatham Mutual Aid Agreement
2. Wake – Harnett Mutual Aid Agreement
3. Wake – Lee Mutual Aid Agreement