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CITY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY AHEAD OF TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC – Tropical Storm Isaias is expected to strengthen into a hurricane before it makes landfall along the North Carolina/ South Carolina coast around 9:00 PM on Monday. Currently, Halifax County is under a Tropical Storm Warning as Isaias is projected to rapidly move North along the Interstate-95 corridor overnight. According to the National Weather Service, our region may experience high winds, isolated tornadoes, heavy rains and flooding that may bring significant impacts to public and private property and may seriously disrupt essential utilities services and systems.

The City of Roanoke Rapids has issued a State of Emergency declaration in response to Tropical Storm Isaias. City staff and emergency personnel are actively monitoring the storm and recognize that natural disaster response in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic requires increased planning and preparation in order to protect public health and public safety of our citizens. If conditions worsen, Roanoke Rapids is prepared to quickly communicate with residents and respond to any storm related issues.

The City of Roanoke Rapids encourages our residents to be hurricane safe and ready by:

- Staying off roads during heavy rains and peak impact times
- Securing garbage/recycling cans, lawn furniture, umbrellas, bicycles, grills, hanging plants and lawn decorations
- Buying extra batteries for flashlights in case of power outages
- Keep your smart phone and weather radios charged, turned on and near you throughout the duration of Tropical Storm Isaias
- Keeping out of standing water with vehicles as well as on foot

The City of Roanoke Rapids urges our citizens to plan, prepare and stay informed throughout the duration of the storm. Visit www.readync.org for storm updates including evacuation orders, power outages, real time flood gauges, preparedness tips and more.

Please stay safe. Visit www.roanokerapidsnc.com and follow our Facebook page @CityOfRoanokeRapids for future updates.

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