

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

August 31, 2017

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18**

## **ABNORMAL MARKET DISRUPTION**

**WHEREAS**, the uninterrupted supply of fuel oil, diesel oil, and gasoline is essential for the health, safety or economic well-being of persons or property in North Carolina, and any interruption in the delivery of those fuels threatens the public welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Hurricane Harvey, oil refineries in Texas and Louisiana have suffered a temporary interruption of production which has caused a disruption in the delivery of petroleum products, including gasoline to North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has issued a Major Disaster Declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Act for portions of the State of Texas (FEMA-4332-DR-TX) on August 25, 2017 and an Emergency Declaration for the State of Louisiana (FEMA-3382-EM-LA) on August 28, 2017; and

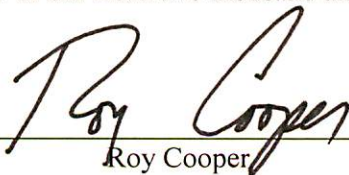
**WHEREAS**, I have determined that an abnormal market disruption has occurred to the distribution or sale of goods and services in North Carolina pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-38.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**:

- (1) Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-38, an abnormal market disruption exists because of the temporary shutdown of refineries that serve North Carolina because of Hurricane Harvey.
- (2) The execution of this Executive Order triggers the enforcement of N.C.G.S. § 75-38, "Prohibit excessive pricing during states of disaster, states of emergency, or abnormal market disruptions."
- (3) The investigation and enforcement of N.C.G.S. § 75-38 is hereby vested in the Attorney General of North Carolina.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for forty-five (45) days.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Rodney S. Maddox  
Chief Deputy Secretary of State

