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DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**NO. 803****27 MAY 2019****DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002)****CLASSIFICATION OF A PROVINCIAL DISASTER IN TERMS OF SECTION 23 OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO 57 OF 2002): THUNDERSTORM IN KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

I, Ms Ané Bruwer, in my capacity as the acting Head of the National Disaster Management Centre, after having assessed the magnitude and severity of the damage caused by the thunderstorms associated with heavy rainfall/flooding and strong winds that affected the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, iLembe, Ugu and King Cetshwayo District Municipalities in KwaZulu-Natal Province and having considered the information based on the preliminary report received from the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Disaster Management Centre, including key organs of state, hereby in terms of section 23 of the Disaster Management Act (Act No. 57 of 2002), on 1 May 2019, classified the occurrence as a provincial disaster.

Consequent to the classification of this occurrence as a provincial disaster, the primary responsibility for the coordination and management of this occurrence is designated to the KwaZulu-Natal Province. The implementation of section 41(2) of the Act will be supported to allow extraordinary measures to be taken in respect of this disaster.

Notwithstanding the assistance organs of state may already provide to the KwaZulu-Natal Province in terms of Section 23(8) of the Act, due to the nature of the damage and the effects of this disaster, I hereby, in terms of Section 15(2)(aA), call upon the relevant organs of state to support the disaster management structures to ensure that immediate relief, recovery and reconstruction measures are put in place to enable the KwaZulu-Natal Province to effectively deal with the effects of this disaster.

In the event that the Premier of the KwaZulu-Natal Province declares a provincial state of disaster in terms of Section 41 of the Act, the respective organs of state must prepare and submit reports in accordance with Section 24(4) – (8) of the Act.



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ACTING HEAD: NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE

DATE: 1 May 2019