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Pursuant to 21 NCAC Chapter 66.0501, Dr. Michael Martin, NC State Veterinarian, and Dr. Patricia Norris, Animal Welfare Section Director of the NCDA&CS requests a declaratory ruling from the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board to determine whether, based on the applicability of the particular facts, qualified non-veterinarians may provide parvovirus, distemper, Bordetella (intranasal vaccine) and FVRCP vaccines to animals housed at county animal shelters and county and state co-located animal shelters in areas of North Carolina affected by Tropical Storm Helene during the ongoing state of emergency. Specifically, Dr. Martin and Norris request a declaratory ruling on whether providing parvovirus, distemper and FVRCP vaccines constitute the practice of veterinary medicine pursuant to N.C.G.S. 90-181(6)(a) under the state circumstances.

Sincerely,

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