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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: PRESENTATION

Meeting Date: December 10, 2024

Item Details

Presenter(s): Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert

Department(s): Governing Body

Requested Motion

Recognize and honor Town Employees who were deployed to Western North Carolina.

Approval Recommended?

N/A

Item Details

On Wednesday, September 27, 2024, the remnants of Hurricane Helene turned Asheville, and many other municipalities in Western North Carolina, into a post-apocalyptic landscape: fallen trees blocking streets; roads turned into creek beds; power lines down everywhere; city water lines destroyed; bridges torn apart. The region's two rivers carried whole houses downstream. Hurricane Helene was one of the most significant tropical storms to touch North Carolina, dropping over 30 inches of rain, sixty plus mile per hour sustained winds, and millions without power for weeks.

As of Wednesday, December 4, 2024, The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services had reported a total of 103 storm related deaths due to Hurricane Helene.

Many Town of Apex Departments deployed individuals to assist in the recovery efforts of Hurricane Helene.

The Departments that sent staff are listed below:

- Fire - 13 employees
- Police - 12 employees
- Electric Utilities - 7 employees
- Inspections and Permitting - 3 employees
- Communications and Information Technologies - 3 employees
- Public Works - 1 employee

Many of these staff members were deployed for multiple days and weeks removing them from their core functions in the Town of Apex and from their families.

The purpose of this item is to recognize the various employees, and their families, for the sacrifices they made to assist our fellow neighbors across North Carolina and South Carolina.

Attachments

- N/A

