RALEIGH – With the 2019 hurricane season upon us, Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey is encouraging residents to be prepared this season to avoid the suffering that followed last year’s Hurricane Florence. To do this, Commissioner Causey is scheduling disaster relief town hall meetings across the state to inform residents, agents and real estate agents.

These meetings will discuss what to do before, during and after the storm so that residents’ properties are protected and/or covered in the event of storm damage. These meetings will also discuss the importance of flood insurance so that residents can alleviate the suffering from extreme property loss due to flooding that was experienced last year. Standard homeowners’ insurance policies do not cover flood damage. In addition, we will open the floor to answer any questions from the audience.

Furthermore, the town hall will share the NCDOI vast functions and provide contact information in the event of any claim question.

The town hall meetings will also address concerns about denied health insurance claims and give information about the Department’s SHIIP program that assists people with Medicare questions.

Dr. Michelle Osborne, Chief Deputy Commissioner of Insurance, will conduct upcoming public town hall meetings at the following locations:

**Tuesday, June 18—11 a.m.**
West Asheville Library
942 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28806

**Wednesday, June 19—7 p.m.**
Guilford Technical Community College – Greensboro Campus
3505 E. Wendover Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27405
Room 152B