

# FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell Statement On Deputy Administrator Erik Hooks Confirmation

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**WASHINGTON** -- Erik Hooks admirably served the state of North Carolina as its head of Public Safety during a most challenging period, through natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic, and I look forward to welcoming him to FEMA. I am thrilled to have him join the agency's leadership team, as I am confident he will greatly contribute to our mission of helping communities before, during and after disasters. His experience and background will build on our efforts to infuse equity across our agency, advance our nation's emergency management and readiness and address the growing threat of climate change. Mr. Hooks is a proven leader with a long and distinguished career and offers an invaluable perspective to FEMA's work.



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