Inclement Weather Plan

North Carolina Central University’s One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Commencement Exercises will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. in the O’Kelly-Riddick Stadium. The University is committed to taking every available precaution in the event of severe weather conditions to ensure a great Commencement rain or shine. Please note the following steps are to be taken if there is inclement weather on the day of Commencement.

Step 1 - If there is light rain, all Commencement activities will continue as scheduled.

Step 2 - If there is a need to delay the start time of the Commencement Program, the Chancellor will make the decision when the program will resume.

Step 3 - Should rain occur during the program, the Chancellor will decide if the program is to be condensed or to be moved to the McDougald-McLendon Arena.

Step 4 – The Commencement will be moved to the McDougald-McLendon Arena should there be thunderstorms or continuous rain during the morning of the event. The deans will identify in advance the selected faculty members who will participate in Commencement. All prospective graduates should report immediately to the McDougald-McLendon Arena and assume their positions in the line of march. In the event of excessive heat, the Commencement will be held in the McDougald-McLendon Arena.

Step 5 - Severe Weather Threat Evacuation will take at least ten (10) minutes. The Visitor side will evacuate to the Leroy T. Walker Physical Education Complex. The Home side will evacuate to the McDougald-McClendon Arena. Americans with Disabilities (ADA) on the Home side will evacuate to the Band Staging Room under the Student Services Building.

Step 6 - Updated weather event advisories will be on the North Carolina Central University website, and related social media networks.

Step 7 - Each student will be given three tickets for guests in the event Commencement is held in the McDougald-McLendon Arena. Simulcast viewing sites will be available for guests, faculty and staff. The viewing sites are as follows:

- B.N. Duke Auditorium
- Room 100 in the Albert E. Turner Law Building
- School of Education Auditorium in the H.M. Michaux, Jr. Building
- Miller-Morgan Auditorium
- Mary Townes Science Building Room 1111
- Mary Townes Science Building Room 1221
- Mary Townes Science Building Room 2221

If the Inclement Weather Plan is used, we ask for your patience and cooperation.

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