

**CAPE MAY COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE

COUNTY OF CAPE MAY

NEW JERSEY

AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE

COUNTY OF CAPE MAY

October 28,29,30,31 2012

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested by (Chapter 251 of the laws of 1942 as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A App. A: 9-30 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 (6); N.J.S.A 2c:33-1 et seq.; whichever law or laws apply, a local disaster emergency is declared to exist within the boundaries of the County of Cape May.

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have occurred or may occur due to such emergency, and

WHEREAS, by reason of the extreme weather conditions attendant to Hurricane Sandy as identified by the National Hurricane Center which currently or will, in the immediate future, exist in and around the COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, a local disaster emergency exists within the boundaries of the COUNTY OF CAPE MAY which may affect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has issued a Hurricane Warning predicting rain, high winds and Severe Beach Erosion and Severe Tidal Flooding beginning on Sunday, October 28, 2012; Monday October 29, 2012, Tuesday October 30, 2012 and continuing through Wednesday October 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the affects of Hurricane will produce 6 to 10 inches of rain; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the conditions which currently exist in certain areas of the County of Cape May, which may affect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the County of Cape May, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that these areas of the County of Cape May should then be declared disaster areas and further that certain measures must be taken in order to insure that the authorities as well as maintaining an orderly flow of traffic, and further in order to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions, and

WHEREAS, the impending Hurricane will exacerbate existing conditions, including power outages for all Cape May County barrier island communities and communities along the Delaware Bay are issued; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions constitute an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities within the County and may become in other parts of the County too large in scope to be handled by the normal local operating services warranting the implementation of the support of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Emergency Management Communications Center will be fully activated as of 1200 hours, Sunday ,October 28, 2012 as a result of these impending conditions AND continue to be activated until such conditions warrant otherwise; and

WHEREAS, the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management, New Jersey State office of Emergency Management , Fire Coordinators, EMS Coordinators, Law Enforcement Groups, along with various Cape May County Departments, Utility Companies, Southern Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross, affiliated State of New Jersey agencies and the Cape May County Municipal Offices of Emergency Management are pre-positioned to respond to the potential disaster associated with Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which may occur due to such emergency, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Cape May County Emergency Management Coordinator, with the concurrence of the Cape May Board of Chosen Freeholders, that the COUNTY OF CAPE MAY should then be declared a potential disaster area; and, further that certain measures must be taken in order to insure an orderly flow of traffic and to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the anticipated conditions, and

WHEREAS, the following areas are designated as potential disaster areas:

The Borough of AVALON, the City of CAPE MAY, The Borough of CAPE MAY POINT, the Township of DENNIS, the Township of LOWER, the Township of MIDDLE, the City of NORTH WILDWOOD, the City of OCEAN CITY, the City of SEA ISLE CITY, the Borough of STONE HARBOR, the Township of UPPER, the Borough of WEST CAPE MAY, the Borough of WEST WILDWOOD, the City of WILDWOOD, the Borough of WILDWOOD CREST, and the Borough of WOODBINE.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Martin Pagliughi, Emergency Management Coordinator and the Freeholder Director for the County of Cape May, New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey do hereby indicate that a State of Emergency exists and will continue to exist in Cape May County, and we hereby ORDER AND DIRECT the following:

We direct that re-entry back into Cape May County will be authorized when conditions are deemed to be safe, the infrastructure rendered secure and all other such precautions have been enabled to keep our First Responders, residents and visitor safe.

There shall be no through traffic traversing the aforesaid area(s) except for movement citizens to areas outside of Cape May County and the traversing of Police, Fire, EMS, Essential Personnel and any other such vehicles or as may be permitted by use or by authorized officials of the COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, the State of New Jersey and the respective affected Municipal Jurisdictions should conditions warrant the action.

NEW JERSEY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD RESOURCES, under a separate cover, will be requested as their services will be necessary for transports within Cape May County.

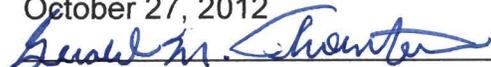
We authorize and empower the County, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:36.1, to request the order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App.A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App.A:9-51, We reserve the right to request all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of Cape May County, whether of persons, properties, or instrumentalities, and to utilize any personal services and any privately owned property necessary to protect against this emergency.

This Order, a Pre Event Disaster Emergency Proclamation, shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Cape May County
Office of Emergency Management
Declaration of Emergency via EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
For: HURRICANE SANDY

October 27, 2012



Gerald Thornton
Freeholder Director
County of Cape May



Marty Pagliughi
Emergency Management Coordinator
County of Cape May

Date: October 27, 2012

Time: 1300 hours