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Emergency Proclamation County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON;

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., specifically N.J.S.A. App. A:9-42.2, the Hunterdon County Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for the development, coordination, and activation of countywide emergency management plans and for the activation of such emergency management facilities and services as are available from the resources of the county government in the event of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the COVID-19 pandemic as identified by the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which resulted in the Governor of New Jersey declaring a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency, and which is currently or will, in the immediate future, exist in and around the County of Hunterdon, a local disaster emergency exists within the boundaries of the County of Hunterdon which may affect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the County of Hunterdon; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and Center Disease Control and Prevention has issued guidance and warnings outlining that without widespread illness is possible, and;
WHEREAS, government, private sector and non-governmental organizations are experiencing difficulty in procuring necessary supplies and equipment to safeguard personnel and facilities against this public health threat; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid situation constitutes 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 the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Emergency Operations Plan has been activated to coordinate response and recovery efforts, as a result of these impending conditions AND continue to be activated until such conditions warrant otherwise; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management and Hunterdon County Health Department, County Departments and Divisions, Municipal Governments, and those affiliated State of New Jersey agencies and the Hunterdon County Municipal Offices of Emergency Management are responding to this potential disaster associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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, it has been determined by the Hunterdon County Emergency Management Coordinator, with the concurrence of the Hunterdon County Health Officer and the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, that the COUNTY OF HUNTERDON should then be declared a disaster area; and, further that certain measures must be taken in order to protect the health and welfare of persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brayden J. Fahey , Emergency Management Coordinator for the County of Hunterdon County, 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 the County of Hunterdon, and I hereby ORDER AND DIRECT the following:

I authorize and direct the County and its Political Subdivisions, including but not limited to the duly appointed Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators, to activate all of those elements of their Emergency Operations Plans deemed necessary to safeguard the public security, health, and welfare, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey and Federal Resources are needed to assist Hunterdon County residents, visitors and their pets as there could be many homes, nursing homes and businesses requiring State and Local Governments and non-governmental agencies (such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army) assistance, and evacuations, traffic movement and road closures could be needed to ensure public safety.

Furthermore, all Fire Departments, Police Departments and First Aid & Rescue Squads will only be permitted to support pre-designated, mutual aid procedures (fire boxes and daily mutual aid). No emergency organization will “self-deploy” to any area outside of Hunterdon County without the direction and approval of the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management. I further request that, all the emergency service organizations, including fire departments, emergency medical services agencies and law enforcement departments, ensure adequate staffing until further notice. Those unable to do so should notify their municipal Office of Emergency Management.

I authorize and empower the County and its Political Subdivisions, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App.A:9-33 et seq., through local law enforcement agencies, to determine the control and direction of the flow of such vehicular traffic on any municipal or county road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in their discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

I authorize and empower the County utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated, and maintained by the County of Hunterdon and request the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons and their pets who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure, or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

I request that, through the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management activate resources deemed necessary to address the ill and injured resulting from these emergency conditions, including the State of New Jersey Mass Fatality and Mortuary Services Plan, and the National Disaster Medical System, and the Strategic National Stockpile.

In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App.A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App.A:9-51, I reserve the right to request all available resources of the State government and of each and every political subdivision of Hunterdon 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 Disaster Emergency Proclamation, shall take effect at 1700 hours on Monday, March 16, 2020 and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me, in consultation with the Hunterdon County Health Officer, that an emergency no longer exists.

Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management
Declaration of Emergency via EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
For: COVID-19 Pandemic



Brayden J. Fahey
Emergency Management Coordinator, County of Hunterdon



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