

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 10

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, ongoing monitoring and projections by state and national weather services have disclosed that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Willistown Township will experience the aftereffects of Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida has the potential to cause widespread and heavy rains throughout Pennsylvania, which in turn poses a serious threat of flash and riverine flooding and other adverse impacts throughout Willistown Township; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida's heavy rains and risk of flooding may result in extensive damage to roads, streets, bridges, private homes, businesses, utilities, and may cause other adverse impacts upon the general population of Willistown Township; and

WHEREAS, immediate proactive emergency management measures are required to mitigate and reduce the severity of this public emergency for purposes of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of residents of Willistown Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa C.S. Section 7101 et seq.), do hereby declare, as of September 1, 2021, the existence of a local disaster emergency in Willistown Township, Chester County; and

FURTHER, the effect of this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

FURTHER, we direct the Willistown Township Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response and recovery action deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency; and

FURTHER, we authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township, in coordination with the Willistown Township Emergency Management Coordinator, to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies, including but not limited to the employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, and entry into such contracts and agreements as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to the time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted; and

AND FURTHER, this Declaration shall remain in effect until further affirmative action is taken by the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors.

RESOLVED this 13th day of September, 2021.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP**

William R. Shoemaker, Chair

Robert T. Lange, Vice- Chair

George J. McHugh IV, Member

ATTEST:

Sally Slook, Secretary