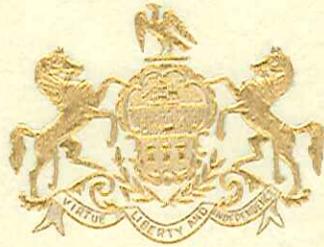


# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

Proclamation of Emergency

February 5, 2014

*WHEREAS, a period of prolonged severe winter weather, accompanied by substantial accumulations of snow and ice, continues to cause significant adverse impacts across the Commonwealth; and*

*WHEREAS, ongoing monitoring and projections made at my direction have disclosed that this period of severe winter weather has the potential to continue over a period of multiple days and cause further impacts across the Commonwealth; and*

*WHEREAS, the emergency situation caused by this winter storm is of such severity and magnitude as to render essential the Commonwealth's supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources.*

*NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. § 7101, et seq.), I do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency across the Commonwealth. I hereby direct that the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director or his designee assume command and control of all statewide emergency operations and that the Commonwealth departments and agencies utilize all available resources and personnel as is deemed necessary to cope with the severity and magnitude of this disaster emergency.*

*FURTHER, I hereby direct the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to activate and staff the State Emergency Operations Center for the duration of this disaster emergency and to augment it with personnel from other state departments and agencies. I also authorize the Agency to coordinate the response activities through the implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan; and*

*FURTHER, I hereby transfer up to \$ 500,000 in unused appropriated funds to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. The aforementioned funds shall be used for disaster-related expenses incurred by various state agencies and departments. These funds shall be credited to a special account established by the Office of the Budget. All Commonwealth agencies purchasing supplies or services in response to this emergency are authorized to utilize the emergency procurement procedures set forth in Section 516 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code (62 Pa. C.S. Section 516). This Proclamation shall serve as the written determination of the basis for the emergency under Section 516; and*

*FURTHER, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth (51 Pa.C.S. 508), I hereby authorize the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania to place on state active duty, for the duration of this disaster emergency, such individuals and units of the Pennsylvania National Guard for missions requested by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency that are needed to address threats caused by, and the consequences of, this disaster emergency; and*

*FURTHER, I hereby direct that the response and recovery aspects of the Commonwealth and all applicable county, municipal, and other disaster emergency plans be activated and that all state, county, and municipal actions taken to implement those plans be coordinated through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; and*

*FURTHER, I hereby suspend the provisions of any other regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of Commonwealth business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any Commonwealth agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster emergency. All Commonwealth agencies may implement their emergency assignments without regard to procedures required by other laws, except mandatory constitutional requirements, pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and expenditures of public funds; and*

*STILL FURTHER, I hereby urge the governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions affected by this emergency to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as legally authorized under this proclamation, including through the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, and by entering into such contracts and agreements as may be required to cope with this disaster emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-eighth.*



**TOM CORBETT**  
Governor

