

# THE GOVERNOR

## Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

June 29, 2009

*Whereas*, Investigations made at my direction have disclosed that localized and unusually high winds and heavy rains in parts of Southwestern Pennsylvania on June 16 and 17, have resulted in extensive damage to private homes and caused other adverse impacts upon the general population of Southwestern Pennsylvania; and

*Whereas*, as the storm waters receded, the extent of damage to private homes was revealed; and

*Whereas*, the serious impact of this storm in both the immediate and long-term affect on homeowners represents a major hardship requiring a comprehensive Federal, State and local partnership for effective recovery; and

*Whereas*, the emergency situation has been of such magnitude and severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources and the activation of all applicable State, county and municipal emergency response plans; and

*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 in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties and, in accordance with the State Emergency Operations Plans, I authorize and direct that the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director or his designee assume command and control of the emergency operations and that all Commonwealth agencies and departments under the direction of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director or his designee utilize all available resources and personnel as is deemed necessary to cope with the magnitude and severity of this emergency situation; and

*Further*, I hereby transfer up to \$3,000,000 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*, I have directed that the emergency response and recovery aspects of all the Commonwealth agencies and departments and all applicable county, municipal, and other disaster emergency response and recovery plans be activated and that all state, county, and municipal actions taken to implement those plans be coordinated through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

*Given* under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this twenty-ninth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-third.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmond G. Rendell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

*Governor*

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