

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO HURRICANE IDA

WHEREAS, beginning on September 1, 2021, the remnants of Hurricane Ida (“the Storm”) brought heavy rain, flooding, and winds and to the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2021 Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Emergency Disaster pertaining to Hurricane Ida and its effects across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Storm caused significant flooding, downed trees, and property damage to infrastructure, streets, highways, vehicles, homes and businesses throughout various areas of the City, including, but not limited to, the following hard hit areas:

Manayunk, in the vicinity of Main Street, Shurs Lane and River Road, and Venice Island, in the vicinity of Flat Rock Road;

East Falls, in the vicinity of Ridge Avenue, Kelly Drive, and Lincoln Drive;

Center City in the vicinity of Schuylkill River Park, Park Towne Place, and Race Street; and

The Pennypack Park in the Northeast.

WHEREAS, many City residents were advised to shelter in place through a wireless emergency alert, many requested assistance to evacuate their homes or flooded vehicles, at least 1,100 residents needed to be evacuated with assistance, and numerous others have needed to find alternate shelter as a result of the flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City opened two reception centers, one being an overnight shelter, for residents affected by damage from the Storm; and

WHEREAS, flooding necessitated the closure of local roads in the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 24th, 35th, and 39th, police districts, and the multi-day closure of interstate 676, a major east-west throughfare; and

WHEREAS, over 22 trees fell; and

WHEREAS, two fire stations were impacted requiring relocation, the steam generating facility was offline for a period of time, two water treatment facilities were flooded and offline; and

WHEREAS, the City is continuing to document flood damage but has already identified the need for significant emergency resources to support affected City residents, including identifying new housing, assistance with the clean-up of damaged areas, and support to enable critical document recovery; and

WHEREAS, the City remains subject to the Mayor’s Declaration of

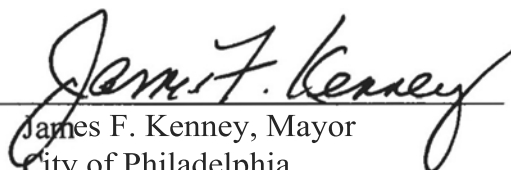
Extraordinary Circumstance related to the 2019 novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, and the ongoing pandemic continues to impact the City's emergency management resources; and

WHEREAS, supplementation of local efforts and resources is essential to alleviate the damage, suffering, and hardship in Philadelphia caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ida; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James F. Kenney, by the powers vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia and pursuant to all authority granted to me under the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, The Philadelphia Code, and applicable State and City orders, including the powers granted under 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501 and Section 10-819 of The Philadelphia Code, do hereby declare as follows:

1. The impact of the Storm constitutes a local disaster emergency and state of emergency pursuant to the terms of Pennsylvania and City law.
2. I hereby authorize activation of response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable emergency management plans, and request the furnishing of aid and assistance as permitted by law to alleviate the damage, suffering, and hardship experienced in Philadelphia as a result of the disaster emergency.
3. I further authorize City of Philadelphia departments and offices to enter into contracts and agreements as may be required to meet this local disaster emergency, and authorize the Managing Director and Director of the Office of Emergency Management to identify any time-consuming procedures and formalities that may cause undue delay, including, as applicable, Section 8-200 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, Chapter 17-1400 of The Philadelphia Code, and to determine which such procedures and formalities will be dispensed with or suspended in connection with such contract or contracts as appropriate in light of the exigencies of this local disaster emergency.
4. This Order shall remain in effect through the end of the seventh day following the day the Governor's August 31, 2021 Proclamation of Disaster Emergency related to the Storm ends, unless rescinded, superseded or amended by further Order.

Date: September 3, 2021

By: 
James F. Kenney, Mayor
City of Philadelphia