

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Declaration of Disaster Emergency

***WHEREAS,** Allegheny County has been, and continues to be, adversely impacted by extreme amounts of precipitation since February 15, 2018; the impacts to the municipalities and businesses with the county have been severe in many cases, causing injury, damage, and suffering to persons and property of Allegheny County; and*

***WHEREAS,** the ongoing impacts of that precipitation have the capacity to endanger or threaten the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Allegheny County, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Allegheny County may be able to resolve; and*

***WHEREAS,** impacts to municipalities and businesses to date include flood damages; river ice jams; continuous large-scale landslides; utility damages including exposed piping, wires and downed poles; major and frequent interruptions to transportation systems and routes; and, in the most severe cases, complete destruction of individual homes and properties; as such, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents in Allegheny County;*

***NOW, THEREFORE,** I, the undersigned County Executive of the County of Allegheny, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Code (35 Pa.C.S.A. §7501 et seq.) as amended; the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter, Article V, Section 2(n), and the Allegheny County Administrative Code, Article III, Section 311.06, as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Allegheny County.*

***FURTHERMORE,** I direct the Allegheny County Emergency Services Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.*

***STILL FURTHER,** I authorize officials of Allegheny County to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contract and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, pursuant to §5-903.05 of the Allegheny County Administrative Code.*

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.


Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive


Date