## MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN

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**RESOLUTION NO. 21-75 of 2021** 

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN RELATING TO TROPICAL STORM IDA

WHEREAS, on Tropical Storm Ida has caused and its remnants may continue to cause or threaten to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of the Municipality of Norristown; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council President issued a disaster proclamation on September 2, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," in order to activate the Municipality of Norristown Emergency Management Coordinator and to make available certain resources to the Municipality that may be required in order to meet and address the needs of the emergency as pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 (b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code and Section 10A06(b) of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing effects of Tropical Storm Ida and its remnants, the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Municipality of Norristown continue to be threatened and emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect residents in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, September 7, 2021, is the first regularly scheduled public meeting of Borough Council since Tropical Storm Ida hit the Municipality, and Municipal Council desires to ratify the prior emergency declaration and, to the extent that may be required, further authorize and declare an emergency for the Municipality of Norristown as permitted by Pennsylvania law, including Section 7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code. 35 Pa. C.S.A. 7101 et seq., so as to authorize, in part, the relevant department heads to perform various functions in coordinationwith Montgomery County emergency management officials and to take such other actions deemed necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Norristown, and it is hereby ADOPTED and RESOLVED by authority of same that Municipal Council hereby ratifies, and declares a "state of emergency" for the Municipality of Norristown, effective immediately, and remaining in effect until September 10, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Municipal Departments may, in conjunction with the Municipal Administrator and/or the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, suspend such regulatory requirements deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency and to conduct Municipal Business or as permitted in accordance with the Pennsylvania Management Services Code or other law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Administrator and/or Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator is directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response in coordination with Montgomery County emergency management officials and takeany other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this public health local disaster emergency as permitted by law.

ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 7th day of September 2021.

ATTEST:

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Crandall O. Jones,

Municipal Administrator Municipal Secretary Derrick Perry, President

## **DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

- **WHEREAS**, starting on September 1st, 2021 at 0800 hours and ending on September 10th, 2021 at 0600 hours, Tropical Storm Ida has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of the Municipality of Norristown and
- **WHEREAS** Tropical Storm Ida is endangering the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Municipality of Norristown and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Municipality of Norristown may be able to resolve; and
- **WHEREAS** emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents in the Municipality of Norristown:
- **NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the undersigned Municipal Council of the Municipality of Norristown pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in the Municipality of Norristown
- **FURTHER**, we direct the Municipality of Norristown Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.
- **STILL FURTHER**, we authorize officials of the Municipality of Norristown to act as necessary to meet the current demands 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 contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLVED AND ORDANED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021.

Seal:	Municipality of Norristown Municipal Council
Attest:	Donck Peny
Crandall O. Jones	Derrick Perry
Municipal Administrator	Council President
Municipal Secretary	