

DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, severe thunderstorms impacted regions of Lackawanna County on September 9, 2023 and caused areas of flooding throughout Lackawanna County, particularly the municipalities of Dalton Borough, South Abington Township, Clarks Summit Borough, Newton Township, Ransom Township and the City of Scranton, and which has and will cause injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of Lackawanna County; and

WHEREAS, the flooding endangers the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Lackawanna County, and threatened to create problems greater in scope than Lackawanna County may have been able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, the Chief or Staff of Lackawanna County, the chief executive officer or Lackawanna County, has the authority to declare, with the consent of the Board of Commissioners, a declaration of a local disaster emergency pursuant to §7501(b) of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Act (35 Pa. CSA §7501(b)); and

NOW THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Chief of Staff of Lackawanna County, pursuant to the provisions of §7501 of the Emergency Services Act and §1.3-302(1) of the Lackawanna County Home Rule Charter, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in Lackawanna County; and

FURTHER, I direct the Lackawanna County 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 actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency; and

STILL FURTHER, I direct all authorized officials of Lackawanna County to act as necessary to meet the exigencies of this emergency, including the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and entering such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as was necessary and required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatorily constitutional requirements excepted, pursuant to the provision of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. CSA §7501 et al.

Signed this 10th day of September, 2023.



Brian Jeffers,
Chief of Staff for Lackawanna County