

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a severe winter storm is forecast for February 22-23, 2026, and threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Willistown Township; and

WHEREAS, this winter storm system poses an adverse threat that has the potential to cause significant and heavy snow and gusting winds throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania and many surrounding areas, which in turn might create hazardous driving conditions, impede public safety, and have other adverse impacts throughout Willistown Township; and

WHEREAS, the strong wind and snow accumulation may result in damage to roads, streets, bridges, private homes, businesses, utilities, and may cause other adverse impacts which threaten the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Willistown Township; and

WHEREAS, immediate proactive emergency management measures are required to mitigate and reduce the severity of this public emergency for purposes of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of residents of Willistown Township; and

WHEREAS, the effect of a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder:

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S. Section 7101 et seq.), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a local disaster emergency in Willistown Township, Chester County.

FURTHER, we direct the Willistown Township Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this emergency, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response and recovery action deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency; and

FURTHER, we authorize the Willistown Township Manager, Willistown Township Emergency Management Coordinator, and other Willistown Township officials to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, including but not limited to, the employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, and entry into such contracts and agreements 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; and

AND FURTHER, this Declaration shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until further affirmative action is taken by the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors.

DECLARED this 21st day of February, 2026.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

Molly H.B. Perrin, Chair

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Shanna Lodge, Secretary