



**TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jordan, Sr., L.	X			
Byrne, S.	X			
Cook, D.	X			
Bart, E.	X			
Campbell, R.	X			

Resolution Number: R-78-2016
Dated: June 6, 2016
Offered By: JORDAN
Seconded By: BYRNE

**DECLARATION OF GENERAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
DOWNE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR
2016 HURRICANE SEASON EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH
DECEMBER 1, 2016**

PURPOSE: To acknowledge the potential, in the event of an active hurricane season, for extreme risks to the health, public safety and welfare of the residents of Downe Township. This is a result of the damages to the community at large, from Hurricane Irene, Super Storm Sandy and Winter Storm Jonas.

INTENT: Is to put all State and Federal Agencies on notice that there is an extraordinary high degree of vulnerability that currently exists in this community should there be a moderate to extreme weather event this season. Our vulnerability is the result of unreasonable regulatory constraints, economically biased exclusion from Sandy Recovery Funding and lack of consistent leadership on the part of all Disaster Recovery Agencies.

LOCATIONS: Delaware Bay Front
Fortescue, Gandy's Beach, Money Island, Nantuxent Creek, Newport, Maple Avenue, Dividing Creek
Downe Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey

AS NOTICED TO ALL LOCAL, COUNTY STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES BY:

Mayor Robert Campbell

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WHEREAS, recent extreme weather events have decimated public and private real estate, infrastructure, beach protection and waterways throughout our community.

- It is not over 3½ years since the impact of Super Storm Sandy.
- Downe Township and Cumberland County as a whole continue to be ineligible for Sandy recovery and mitigation funding.
- Most of the private bulkheads along our Bayfront communities have not been replaced, and put our roadways and general infrastructure at major risk.
- Most public bulkheads, destroyed by Super Storm Sandy, both funded, and FEMA reimbursement projects have been in the design and permitting process since Super Storm Sandy, and are not scheduled for construction any time soon.
- The only Delaware Bay beach restoration projects that have been fast tracked in the past two (2) years have been for horseshoe crab habitat restoration, mostly in remote beach areas along the Bay. None have been addressed to the human factor, health, public safety and welfare side.
- At year three the Fortescue Creek shoaling created by Super Storm Sandy has been resolved. The maintenance dredging on the Fortescue Channel to the river channel has been postponed until Fall of 2016. This could create navigational hazards for the Watermen of the Delaware Bay, especially if there is an extreme weather event.
- The Nantuxent Creek also continues to suffer from shoaling as a result of Super Storm Sandy, creating extreme hazards for the commercial Oystermen who work out of Money Island. This issue has yet to be addressed, and also will create a health and public safety issue during an extreme weather event.

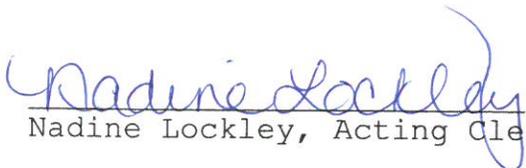
- All other areas of the community ay be unreasonably impacted by a major storm even this season, due to the lack of expedited regulatory consideration and inclusion in Super Storm Sandy recovery programs.

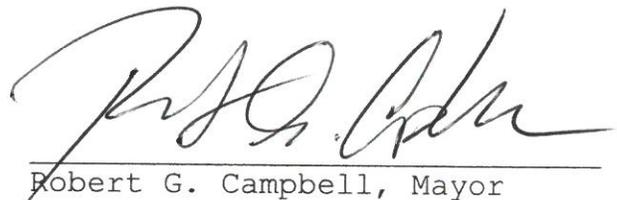
WHEREAS, Mayor Robert Campbell has determined that during this general state of emergency declaration that all state and federal regulatory agencies who are, have been, or will be involved in the Irene, Sandy, Jonas disaster recovery process must immediately be put on notice that should a major storm event occur, it's likely to cause increased public and private property damage, injury and loss of life, damage to infrastructure and devastation to our marinas and waterways as a result of the continuing unabated vulnerability, and;

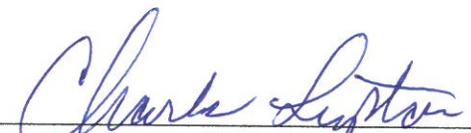
WHEREAS, it is the intention of Mayor Campbell with the support of the Township Committee to make this general state of emergency declaration to identify the state and federal agencies who for reasons including exclusionary and regulatory imposition have prevented the residents and local government from making significant progress over the 3½ years plus to protect and prepare themselves for prospective extreme weather events. This declaration anticipates such an extreme weather event and renews calls for assistance and cooperation.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Downe on June 6, 2016.

ATTEST:


Nadine Lockley, Acting Clerk


Robert G. Campbell, Mayor


Charles Lupton, OEM Coordinator

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The undersigned, Acting Clerk of the Township of Downe, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Downe at a Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2016.

June 6, 2016
Date

Madeline Lockley
Acting Municipal Clerk