## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

# GOVERNOR MURPHY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

**Trenton** – Governor Phil Murphy today declared that New Jersey will enter a state of emergency at 8 p.m. on Tuesday ahead of tomorrow's anticipated nor'easter, authorizing the State Director of Emergency Management to activate and coordinate response and recovery efforts. Executive Order No. 14 declares the state emergency across all 21 counties in the state, and allows for the extension of resources into other parts of the state as the storm continues to impact New Jersey.

"Following last weekend's nor'easter and with another destructive winter storm approaching, I am declaring a state of emergency across all 21 counties in the State," Governor Murphy said. "We are taking every precaution necessary and will continue to monitor and assess the storm throughout the night to ensure all residents are safe and secure."

The impending storm is expected to produce as many as 4 to 13 inches of snow beginning Tuesday evening and lasting until late Wednesday night. Winds are expected to reach 30 mph causing power outages throughout the State. Roughly 41,000 households remain without power from last weekend's storm.

In preparation for the winter storm, the New Jersey State Police has activated the State Emergency Operations Center for round-the-clock operations. This activation pulls together multiple departments to ensure the situation is constantly being monitored and assessed from critical angles.

Additionally, the Department of Transportation is prepared to activate more than 2,500 pieces of snow-clearing equipment, including plows, spreaders, and loaders, and the New Jersey National Guard is prepared to respond to requests for assistance from the Office of Emergency Management, and will be positioning vehicles at select armories.

A decision on whether government offices will be closed tomorrow will come later today.

The Governor encourages New Jerseyans to utilize this additional information to stay informed:

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Copy of Executive Order 14 (http://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-14.pdf) [pdf 99KB]

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