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October 29, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Through: Mr. Jerome Hatfield  
Region II Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Department of Homeland Security  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, NY 10278-0002

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), as implemented by 44 CFR § 206.36, I request that you declare a Major Disaster for the State of New Jersey applicable to the counties of Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean as a result of the damages caused by a severe storm (Nor'Easter as defined by the National Weather Service) from October 1, 2015 through October 4, 2015.

This coastal storm front stalled off the Mid-Atlantic coast and battered the State of New Jersey from October 1, 2015 through October 4, 2015. The rain, waves, and sustained winds of up to 50 miles per hour caused severe coastal flooding and extensive damage to the State's coastal barrier dune system in the impacted areas. The storm severely damaged or destroyed dunes, dune grass, fencing and crossovers as well as caused beach erosion. The damage to these protective coastal barrier systems has caused erosion to the point where a five year storm will damage improved property. The State will also be at risk of additional flooding due to these damages as we get closer to the winter season and increased threat of additional storms. In addition, sand removal from roads, streets, drains and other public property was required in order to restore traffic flow and prevent further flooding. Wind damage also caused downed trees.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was activated from October 1 through October 3, 2015 to monitor and coordinate resource requests and response and recovery efforts and the State Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was executed. State Emergency Support Functions (ESF) 1 (Transportation), ESF-2 (Communications), ESF-3 (Public Works and Engineering), ESF-5 (Emergency Management), ESF-6 (Mass Care), ESF-7 (Resource Support), ESF-8 (Health), ESF-9 Urban Search and Rescue, ESF-10 Hazardous Materials, ESF-11 (Agriculture), ESF-12 (Energy), ESF-13 (Public Safety), and ESF-15 (External Affairs) monitored the response effort to assist affected municipalities and counties. County Emergency Operations Centers in Cape May and Ocean Counties were also activated. In addition, I declared a State of Emergency on October 1, 2015.

On October 14, 2015, the State requested assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct a joint preliminary damage assessment (PDA) in the counties of Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean. In preparation for the joint PDA, the State completed a review of the damage estimates through the NJOEM Public Assistance Unit, which is comprised of individuals who have extensive experience and training in estimating damages within the FEMA Public Assistance program. NJOEM also partnered with the State's Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Bureau of Coastal Engineering (BCE) to pinpoint which coastal areas are covered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The joint PDA occurred on October 26-27, 2015. Counties and municipalities were able to provide better data compared to immediate estimates by conducting the PDA process three weeks after the storm. The final PDA determined that State, county and local property in the counties of Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean suffered significant damages as tabulated in Enclosures B and C. NJOEM provided FEMA Region II with supporting documentation for all completed Category A, B and G work, and documentation on the engineered beaches as required under Disaster Assistance Fact Sheet 9580.8 Eligible Sand Replacement on Public Beaches.

Based on the above, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected county and local governments, and that federal assistance is necessary to supplement the efforts and available resources of the State, county and local governments, and disaster relief organizations. I am requesting Public Assistance for the counties of Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean. I am also requesting Hazard Mitigation Assistance state-wide. The State developed a Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved by FEMA in August 2014. The estimates, types, and amounts of assistance needed under the Stafford Act are tabulated in Enclosures B and C.

I certify that, for this disaster, the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-federal shares of costs required by the Stafford Act. Total expenditures are estimated to exceed the statewide per capita threshold. The counties of Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean exceeded their respective county per capita thresholds as tabulated in Enclosure B. The total costs are estimated to exceed \$32,000,000.

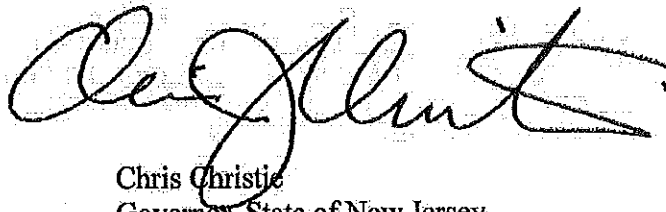
In addition, pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173 regarding debris removal, the State agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State agrees that

debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

I have designated Captain Tristin Collins of the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, as the Governor's Authorized Representative and State Coordinating Officer for this request. Captain Collins will work in conjunction with FEMA and will provide information or justification on my behalf when necessary.

This storm has put a severe strain on State, county, and local resources and budgets. On July 22, 2015 you declared a Major Disaster for New Jersey affecting the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester for Public Assistance (DR-4231). For the reasons detailed above, I respectfully request a Major Disaster Declaration for the counties of Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean to provide Public Assistance in Categories A, B, E, F and G.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

Chris Christie  
Governor, State of New Jersey

Enclosures

FEMA Form 010-0-13  
B-Public Assistance PDA Summary Spreadsheet  
C-Estimated Assistance from Other Federal Agency Programs

**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION  
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

1. Request Date Oct 29, 2015

**Burden Disclosure Notice**

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 9 hours per response. The burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and submitting the form. This collection of information is required to obtain a benefit. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Information Collections Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, Paperwork Reduction Project (1660-0009). **NOTE: Do not send your completed form to this address.**

Completion of this form including applicable attachments satisfies legal requirements for emergency and major disaster declaration requests under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5191, respectively, as implemented at 44 C.F.R. §§ 206.35 and 206.36. Failure to use this form may result in a failure to meet these requirements and/or a delay in processing the request.

2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration. State of New Jersey	2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). 8,791,894
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3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name Chris Christie, Governor	4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number Capt. Tristin Collins, #5134, Bureau Chief, NJOEM Recovery Bureau, 609-882-2000
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5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number  
Capt. Tristin Collins, #5134, Bureau Chief, NJOEM Recovery Bureau, 609-882-2000, LPP5134@GW.NJSP.ORG

6. Declaration Request For:  Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401)  Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501(a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date Oct 1, 2015 End Date Oct 4, 2015 or  Continuing  
4 DAYS

*If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

Drought  Earthquake  Explosion  Fire  Flood  Hurricane  Landslide  Mudslide  
 Severe Storm (rain, high water, wind-driven rain, hail, lightning)  Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data)  Straight-Line Winds  
 Tidal Wave  Tornado  Tropical Depression  Tropical Storm  Tsunami  Volcanic Eruption  Winter Storm  
 Other (please specify) Nor'Easter as defined by the National Weather Service (NWS).

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

The storm severely impacted the Southern Coastal Region of the State, specifically the counties of Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean, causing roadway and infrastructure damage, and extensive dune and beach erosion beyond the five year flood protection criterion. The damages are estimated at \$32 million. State, county and local law enforcement as well as public works agencies activated throughout the region to protect lives, public health and safety, and improved property. This incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected county and local governments. Federal assistance is necessary to supplement the efforts and available resources of State, county, and local governments, and disaster relief organizations.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

State resources deployed to respond to the incident included New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Law and Public Safety. State, county, and local public works agencies deployed to establish safe lanes of travel, including sand and fallen tree removal from roadways. Law enforcement officers provided traffic control.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment\*

Individual Assistance    Dates Performed \_\_\_\_\_ Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Start \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)  
Not Applicable

Public Assistance    Dates Performed \_\_\_\_\_ Requested Oct 14, 2015    Start Oct 26, 2015    End Oct 27, 2015

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)  
No accessibility problems.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance     N/A     Individuals and Households     Crisis Counseling Program     Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program  
 All     Disaster Case Management     Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance     N/A     Debris Removal (Category A)     Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)     Permanent Work (Categories C-G)\*  
(not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

The State of New Jersey is requesting assistance through Categories A, B, E, F and G for the Counties of Cape May, Monmouth and Ocean. Public Assistance will be used to recover from an estimated \$32 million in dune barrier and beach erosion replenishment costs, reimbursement for expenses related to Emergency Protective Measures used to save lives, protect public health and safety, and to protect improved property to clear roadways to restore access to impacted areas. Additional work includes repairing damaged roads, sidewalks, and other legally owned properties of the State, county, and municipal applicants.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).  
N/A

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request\*.

**Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity**

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

**Request for Direct Federal Assistance**

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:  
N/A

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.  
N/A

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

**Request for Snow Assistance**

N/A     I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation\*  Statewide OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

The State developed a Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved by FEMA in August 2014.

12. Mitigation Plan Information\*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date August 2019 b. Type of Plan  Enhanced  Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies  I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs** for additional information in support of this request\*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

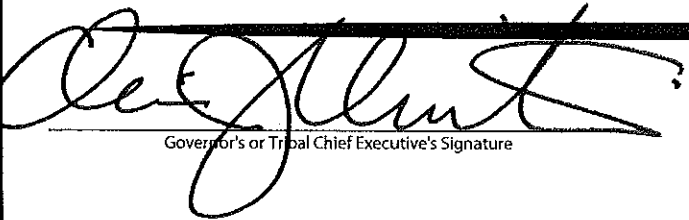
a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Oct 1, 2015 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

Cover Letter  Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)\*  Enclosure B (Public Assistance)\*  
 Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs)  Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)  
 Additional Supporting Documentation \_\_\_\_\_

  
Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

10/29/15  
Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

## ENCLOSURE B TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST

### Estimated Stafford Act Requirements for Public Assistance

#### Enclose Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment Cost Estimate Worksheet

New Jersey PDA Public Assistance Cost Summary for 2015 October Coastal Storm														
AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	TOTAL	Pre-PDA estimate	Delta	CENSUS 2010	State of NJ Core/Capita \$3,876,141		
<b>Cape May County</b>														
North Wildwood	\$5,200	\$5,600					\$4,075,657	\$4,085,257	\$4,145,200	\$28,943				
Cape May City	\$7,854	\$9,000				\$102,600	\$3,470	\$122,904	\$2,836,835	\$2,712,931				
Ocean City	\$22,000	\$65,000					\$290,945	\$377,945	\$2,247,000	\$1,869,055				
Upper Township (Strommers)	\$10,000	\$10,000						\$20,000	\$0	\$-20,000				
Sea Isle City	\$28,000							\$20,000						
Lower Township								\$0	\$92,500	\$92,500				
Stone Harbor	\$10,000	\$21,200				\$2,800	\$7,652,876	\$7,639,276	\$20,000	\$-47,656,276				
Avalon Borough	\$10,000	\$18,000					\$6,182,388	\$6,210,388	\$28,000	\$-6,182,388				
Wildwood City								\$0	\$28,000	\$28,000				
West Wildwood								\$0	\$11,600	\$11,600				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$65,054</b>	<b>\$128,760</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$105,000</b>	<b>\$18,204,935</b>	<b>\$18,523,769</b>	<b>\$9,838,135</b>	<b>\$-9,917,634</b>	<b>97,265</b>	<b>\$190,45</b>		
<b>Morrmouth County</b>														
Manasquan	\$19,897	\$249,028			\$1,000		\$3,764,867	\$4,024,687	\$3,809,010	\$-215,677				
Sea Girt	\$2,600	\$4,000					\$3,069,444	\$3,105,844	\$3,004,600	\$-101,444				
Neptune Township	\$26,000	\$70,000	\$10,000	\$76,000				\$180,000	\$180,000	\$0				
NJ DEP							\$148,219	\$148,219	\$148,219	\$0				
Union Beach	\$11,462	\$4,248					\$60,000	\$65,811	\$17,964	\$-42,153				
Long Branch Township								\$0	\$93,333	\$93,333				
Rumson								\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$21,883</b>	<b>\$118,926</b>	<b>\$26,833</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$84,000</b>	<b>\$92,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$-82,000</b>				
Bradley Beach		\$5,000			\$2,600		\$94,000	\$92,000	\$10,000	\$-82,000				
Keyport								\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000				
Shark River								\$0	\$0,000	\$0,000				
Spring Lake Heights								\$0	\$0,000	\$0,000				
Spring Lake								\$0	\$5,200	\$5,200				
Avon by the Sea								\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000				
Keansburg								\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000				
Highlands								\$0	\$4,650	\$4,650				
Sea Bright								\$0	\$2,700	\$2,700				
Middletown		\$4,000					\$25,067	\$28,067	\$2,000	\$-22,067				
Matwan								\$0	\$1,600	\$1,600				
Deal								\$0	\$1,600	\$1,600				
Holmdel								\$0	\$1,600	\$1,600				
Oceanport								\$0	\$1,211	\$1,211				
Interlaken								\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200				
Aberdeen								\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000				
Neptune City								\$0	\$400	\$400				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$68,542</b>	<b>\$456,299</b>	<b>\$68,833</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>\$3,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,011,497</b>	<b>\$8,693,771</b>	<b>\$7,689,931</b>	<b>\$-1,084,840</b>	<b>630,380</b>	<b>\$13,75</b>		
<b>Ocean County</b>														
Toms River	21,700						\$938,673	\$960,273	\$5,887,778	\$5,007,405				
Mantoloking		20,250					\$3,920,000	\$3,940,250	\$3,800,000	\$-140,250				
Ocean Gate							\$38,000	\$38,000	\$1,800,000	\$964,000				
Bekley Township								\$0	\$438,000	\$438,000				
Lavallette		\$532,866					\$38,960	\$569,866	\$160,000	\$-449,866				
Long Beach Township								\$0	\$126,000	\$126,000				
NJ DEP		\$120,000						\$120,000	\$0	\$-120,000				
Ocean County	\$60,000	\$5,474						\$55,474	\$68,241	\$-22,233				
Island Beach State Park								\$0	\$51,139	\$51,139				
Little Egg Harbor								\$0	\$98,040	\$98,040				
Island Heights								\$0	\$31,981	\$31,981				
Beach Haven								\$0	\$16,500	\$16,500				
Ocean Township								\$0	\$3,908	\$3,908				
Harvey Cedars								\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$101,700</b>	<b>\$678,628</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,891,633</b>	<b>\$5,711,962</b>	<b>\$11,639,486</b>	<b>\$-5,981,624</b>	<b>676,847</b>	<b>\$9,91</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$287,296</b>	<b>\$1,263,708</b>	<b>\$95,933</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>\$3,600</b>	<b>\$105,000</b>	<b>\$31,148,065</b>	<b>\$32,929,601</b>	<b>\$28,878,651</b>	<b>\$-4,030,950</b>	<b>879,684</b>	<b>\$2,75</b>		



**ENCLOSURE C TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Estimated Assistance from Other Federal Agency Programs

County	SBA Home Loans	SBA Business Loans	FSA Loans	NRCS	FHWA	USACE	OTHER
Cape May	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Monmouth	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Ocean	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Totals							

*Note: Provide numbers and amounts, as appropriate.*