

**THE TOWNSHIP OF UNITY, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA
DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Unity Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, have authority under Section 7501, et. seq. of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. 7501, et. seq.) to declare a disaster emergency when a disaster has occurred or is imminent; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Unity Township believe, and have reason to believe, that a "Disaster Emergency" exists or is eminent within the Township as a result of a snowfall event which is projected to cause twelve (12) to seventeen (17) inches of snow to fall over a forty-eight (48) hour period between Saturday January 24, 2026 and Monday January 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid snowfall event will create a Disaster Emergency which will endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing within the geopolitical boundaries of the Township, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Unity Township may be able to resolve under normal circumstances; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this Disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in Unity Township; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the impact of such snowfall the Township may be required to take emergency actions, without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, the entry into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, with the foregoing recitals being incorporated herein by reference thereto, we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Unity Township, as may be necessary to comply with, and pursuant to, the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S. Section 7501, et. seq.), as amended, do hereby proclaim, declare and confirm the existence of a disaster emergency in Unity Township.

FURTHER, and to the extent necessary, we direct the Unity Township Emergency Management Coordinator, in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors, 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 action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency;

FURTHER, we authorize the Unity Township Emergency Management Coordinator, in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors of Unity Township, to act as reasonable and necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely; by the employment of qualified temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and (mandatory constitutional requirements excepted) by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law; and

FURTHER, the Board of Supervisors of Unity Township shall be and are hereby authorized to take appropriate action to limit access to public buildings and Township employees, and place limitations on Township operations and services, as they deem necessary and reasonable for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township, and ratify any such actions previously taken; and

FURTHER, to the extent the Township, or any emergency management service provider operating within its geopolitical boundaries, including, but not limited to any volunteer fire department, ambulance service, or similar service, has incurred economic or any other form of loss as a result of any actions taken or to be taken pursuant to this Declaration, and state or federal funds become available to reimburse the Township for same, we hereby authorize the Township to make application for reimbursement in any manner required by the program guidelines for same.

This Declaration is made the 24th day of January, 2026 and shall continue and remain in effect until approved and extended consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code.

ATTEST:

Sharon Sweeney Secretary

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF UNITY

Michael O'Barto, Chairman

Ed Poponick, Vice-Chairman

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