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

Through: Ms. Lynn Canton
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region II Administrator
Department of Homeland Security

Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to the provision of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief And Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the "Stafford Act"), as implemented by 44 C.F.R. § 206.36, I respectfully request a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of New Jersey applicable to the counties of Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem as a result of the damages caused by severe thunderstorms. These thunderstorms struck the State in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 30, 2012 with straight line winds that produced wide-spread power outages caused by falling trees, downed power poles, and debris. The damage and power outages resulted in evacuations, the need for shelters and cooling stations, and other assistance. The State continues to feel the effects of these storms. In the early morning hours of June 30, 2012, a line of severe thunderstorms, created by excessively high temperatures, passed through the affected areas. These storms contained high winds and high rain volume that lasted for approximately two and one-half hours. The National Weather Service (the "NWS") characterized the storms as "Super Derecho," a wide-spread, long-lived wind storm associated with a band of rapidly moving showers or thunderstorms. NWS further reported that the storms contained straight line winds of weak tornado force. The high winds downed many trees, which caused power outages and road closures, while lightning strikes resulted in numerous fires. Two

youths perished in a State Park in Salem County when a tree collapsed onto their tent. Several hospitals and long term care facilities lost primary power. Atlantic City Electric reported 170,000 customers over five counties without power. Vineland Municipal Electric Utility in Cumberland County reported that 22,000 of its 25,000 customers were without power. As of July 8, power had not been restored to all residents in the impacted areas. These difficulties were compounded by an intense heat wave that followed the storm, which required the opening of cooling centers throughout the affected areas. Road closures and detours due to downed trees disrupted traffic in Atlantic County at NJ Route 560, US 40/CR 559 in Hamilton Township, US 40EB and US 9 in Pleasantville, and in Cumberland County at NJ Route 47 in Vineland. Downed wires caused the closing in Atlantic County of Route 9 from Route 40 and NJ Route 50, and US 40/CR 559 in Hamilton Township, and in Cumberland County at NJ Route 47 both directions in Vineland. In Corbin City, Atlantic County, a portion of NJ Route 50 SB buckled.

In response to this situation, the State Emergency Operations Plan was implemented and the State Emergency Operations Center was activated to monitor and coordinate response efforts throughout the State. **Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem Counties activated their Emergency Operating Centers. Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem Counties declared county-wide states of emergency.**

On July 3, 2012, the State requested assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") to conduct a joint preliminary damage assessment in Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties. The preliminary damage assessment determined that, as indicated by Enclosure B, Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem counties suffered significant damages in Category A-Debris Removal, Category B-Emergency Protective Measures, Category C-Roads and Bridges, Category D-Water Control Facilities, Category E-Buildings and Equipment, and Category G-Parks and Recreation Facilities. In addition to the loss of life in Salem County, the storms had a severe impact on low-income families in Atlantic and Cumberland Counties, where homes were destroyed or suffered major damage as indicated in Enclosure A.

The State has developed a Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved by FEMA in November 2005. The Plan was revised and approved by FEMA in November 2008. The November 2008 Plan was updated to include natural and man-made hazards, and was subsequently approved by FEMA on April 28, 2011.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local governments, and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary. I am specifically requesting Public Assistance for Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem Counties and Individual Assistance for Atlantic and Cumberland Counties. The estimates, types, and amounts of assistance needed under the Stafford Act are tabulated in Enclosures A and B. Estimated requirements for assistance from certain federal agencies under other statutory programs are tabulated in Enclosure C. I am also requesting Hazard Mitigation Assistance Statewide.

The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of State and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this disaster, but it is not exhaustive:

1. The State Emergency Operations Center was activated and staffed by the Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”), Board of Public Utilities, Department of Health and Senior Services, and Department of Transportation.
2. Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem Counties activated their Emergency Operations Center.
3. The Department of Transportation supplied twenty generators to assist with powering traffic signals. A total of 28 were deployed throughout Atlantic County to power traffic control devices.
4. The State Urban Search and Rescue Team deployed six generators and two cooling apparatuses at the Atlantic County OEM.
5. Atlantic County established twelve cooling centers; Cumberland County established three cooling centers; Salem County established two cooling centers.
6. Cumberland and Salem Counties established a Joint Point of Distribution (“POD”) site for distribution of ice and water at the Cumberland County Fire Training Center in Bridgeton.
7. Shelters were established at the Thomas Wallace Middle School, Cumberland County and Galloway Twp. Middle School, Atlantic County.
8. Atlantic County established a POD site for distribution of ice and water at the Hamilton Mall for Atlantic County Residents.
9. Twenty pallets of water were supplied to the POD locations in Atlantic County; another twenty to Cumberland County POD.
10. State Police Troopers from Troop A Field Operations were detailed to assist with traffic posts in Atlantic County.
11. OEM requested Citizen Emergency Response Team (“CERT”) volunteers needed to staff POD locations in Atlantic County.
12. The New Jersey Attorney General’s Division of Consumer Affairs issued a warning with regard to the State’s price gouging statute and established hotlines to take complaints.

13. The State Department of Health and Senior Services activated its Health Command Center.
14. The State Department of Health and Senior Services issued an advisory to local health departments concerning consumer-related resources for the prevention of food and water-related illnesses during and after a power outage.
15. The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Disaster and Terrorism Branch was activated.
16. The New Jersey Department of Transportation assisted with road closures in the affected area.

I certify that, for this disaster, the State and local governments will assume all the applicable non-federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act. Total expenditures are estimated to exceed the Statewide per capita threshold of \$11.8 million. The counties of Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem exceeded their respective county thresholds as tabulated in Enclosure B. The non-federal share of these costs is estimated to exceed \$4.3 million as set forth in Enclosure D.

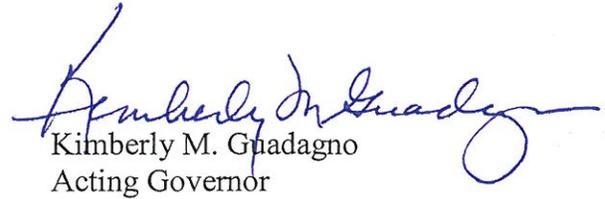
In accordance with 44 C.F.R. §206.208, the State agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-way necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) hold harmless and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work; (3) provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-federal share of the costs of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement; and (4) assist the performing federal agency in all support and local jurisdiction matters.

In addition, in the event the need for assistance arises to remove debris that 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 and 5173, the State agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States for any claims arising from the removal of the 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 **Louis Goetting, my Deputy Chief of Staff**, as the Governor's Authorized Representative and **Acting Lieutenant Robert Little** of the New Jersey State Police as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. They will work in conjunction with FEMA and will provide information or justification on my behalf when necessary.

These thunderstorms, which struck with little warning of their severity, have put a severe strain on State, county, and local budgets. For the reasons detailed above therefore, I respectfully request at this time a Major Disaster Declaration for the Counties of Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem.

Sincerely,



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Acting Governor



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GOVERNOR'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that for this disaster, State and local government expenditures and obligations will include the non-federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act. As stated in my letter, and based on the information available at this time, tabulation of these non-federal expenditures and obligations is as follows:

CATEGORY OF ASSISTANCE	NON-FEDERAL SHARE AMOUNT
INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE	
“Other Assistance” under the Individuals and Household Program	
Total:	
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
Category A - Debris Removal	\$2,902,007.00
Category B - Emergency Protective Measures	\$499,842.75
Category C - Roads and Bridges	\$221,100.00
Category D - Water Control Facilities	\$36,250.00
Category E - Buildings and Equipment	\$157,275.00
Category F - Utilities	\$416,781.00
Category G - Other (Parks, Recreational Facilities, etc.)	\$79,125.00
Total:	\$4,312,380.75
Grand Total:	\$4,312,380.75

7/11/2012

DATED

KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO
 Acting Governor, New Jersey

ENCLOSURE A TO A MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST

Estimated Requirements for Individual Assistance
under the Stafford Act

County	Destroyed	Major	Minor	Affected	
Atlantic	7	49	52	42	
Cumberland	8	40	131	50	
Gloucester	0	2	1	19	
Salem	1	1	3	1	
Total	16	92	187	112	

ENCLOSURE B TO A MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST
Estimated Requirments for Public Assistance under the Stafford Act

County	Cat. A	Cat. B	Cat. C	Cat. D	Cat. E	Cat. F	Cat. G	Total
Atlantic	\$10,210,486	\$1,426,148	\$810,400	\$ -	\$594,100	\$10,000	\$252,000	\$13,303,134
Cumberland	\$1,296,288	\$426,169	\$51,000	\$145,000	\$35,000	\$1,655,000	\$39,500	\$3,647,957
Salem	\$101,255	\$147,055	\$23,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,124	\$25,000	\$298,433
Totals	\$11,608,028	\$1,999,371	\$884,400	\$145,000	\$629,100	\$1,667,124	\$316,500	\$17,249,523

ENCLOSURE C TO A MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST
 Estimated Requirements from Other Federal Agency Programs

SBA (Personal)		
County	Major	Minor
Atlantic	19	184
Cumberland	19	87
Gloucester	0	18
Salem	2	7
Total	40	296
SBA (Business)		
County	Major	Minor
Atlantic	1	24
Cumberland	0	7
Gloucester	0	2
Salem	0	0
Total	1	33