

Executive Orders

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 157

WHEREAS, Severe weather conditions, including snow, heavy rains, winds, and high tides, have the potential for serious and substantial flooding, hazardous road conditions, and threaten life and property; and

WHEREAS, Wind-caused snowdrifts throughout the State make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life as well as essential services, such as fire, police and first aid; and

WHEREAS, These weather conditions pose a threat and constitute a disaster from a natural cause which threatens and presently does endanger the health, safety or resources of the residents of more than one municipality and county of this State; and which is in some parts of the State, and may become in other parts of the State, too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by the normal municipal operating services; and

WHEREAS, Also according to the most recent weather reports, travel conditions across the entire State are expected to worsen throughout the entire day and early evening; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251 (C. App. A:9-33 et seq.), and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, do DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a limited State of Emergency presently exists throughout this State.

In accordance with the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251, as supplemented and amended, I do hereby promulgate and declare the following regulations which shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey, to be in effect across the entire State until such time as it is declared by me that an emergency no longer exists:

1. Non-essential vehicles are restricted and discouraged from using the State's highways.

2. The New Jersey State Police shall have the authority to remove all abandoned or parked vehicles from State highways, and to take all other actions necessary to secure the health, welfare and safety of the people of the State of New Jersey during this limited State of Emergency.

3. The New Jersey National Guard is activated to the extent necessary and shall work in cooperation with and shall perform such support missions as the Superintendent shall or will require to help ensure the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during this limited State of Emergency.

4. Citizens are encouraged to stay tuned to public broadcasting stations for further announcements relating to the storm emergency, should they be necessary.

Issued January 22, 1987.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 158

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 157, declaring a limited State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey, was issued on January 22, 1987 because of severe weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, The severity of the weather conditions necessitating the declaration of a State of Emergency has eased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, announce that the State of Emergency is hereby terminated effective 9:10 a.m. on January 23, 1987, and I do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that Executive Order No. 157 and any regulations promulgated and adopted thereunder shall be null and void.

It is urged, however, that motorists continue to use discretion and caution in traveling, as the main roads, while clear, may be slippery.

I wish to express my gratitude to the people of New Jersey for the manner in which they cooperated during this limited State of Emergency, and to law enforcement and emergency response personnel for their untiring efforts.

Issued January 23, 1987.