

# GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

## Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

December 5, 2003

*Whereas*, investigations made at my direction have disclosed that localized and unusually high winds and heavy rains in parts of Southwestern Pennsylvania on November 19th and 20th have resulted in extensive damage to private homes and caused other adverse impacts upon the general population of Southwestern Pennsylvania; and

*Whereas*, as the storm waters receded, the extent of damage to private homes was revealed; and

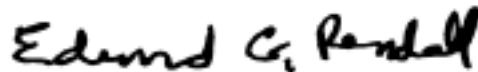
*Whereas*, the serious impact of this storm and both the immediate and long-term effect on homeowners represents a major hardship requiring a comprehensive federal, state, and local partnership for effective recovery; and

*Whereas*, the emergency situation has been of such magnitude and severity as to render essential the Commonwealth's supplementation of county and municipal efforts and resources and the activation of all applicable state, county, and municipal emergency response plans.

*Now Therefore*, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. § 7101 et seq.), I do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in Greene County, and in accordance with the State Emergency Operations Plans, I direct all Commonwealth departments and agencies to utilize all available resources and personnel as is deemed necessary to cope with the magnitude and severity of this emergency situation.

*Further*, I have directed that the emergency response and recovery aspects of all the Commonwealth departments and agencies and all applicable county, municipal, and other disaster emergency response and recovery plans be activated and that all state, county, and municipal actions taken to implement those plans be coordinated through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

*Given* under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, this 5th day of December in the year of our Lord, two thousand three and of the Commonwealth, the two hundred and twenty-eighth.



*Governor*

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