

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AUTHORITIES, ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service and the Delaware Emergency Management Agency predict that a severe storm ("Hurricane Floyd") will hit the State of Delaware beginning Thursday, September 16, 1999;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Floyd has skirted the East Coast beginning with the north-central coast of Florida and has caused significant flooding, damage to property and has forced the evacuation of nearly 2 million people;

WHEREAS, as of Tuesday, September 14, 1999, Hurricane Floyd was a Category 4 storm, the second most powerful storm of its kind;

WHEREAS, current predictions indicate that Hurricane Floyd will likely bring 5 to 10 inches of rain and up to 80 mph winds to Delaware, beginning as early as 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Floyd threatens major destruction and damage to properties throughout the state;

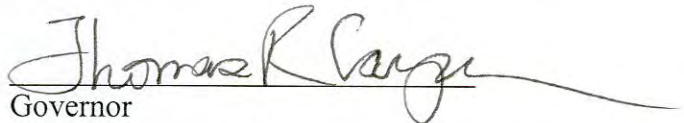
WHEREAS, Hurricane Floyd may cause power outages and dangerous road conditions and thereby threaten public safety;

WHEREAS, as a result of this crisis and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by virtue of Chapter 31, Title 20 of the Delaware Code, as amended, it is necessary to promulgate reasonable orders to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to bring the emergency situation under control within the acknowledged limitations of the powers of one governor of one state.

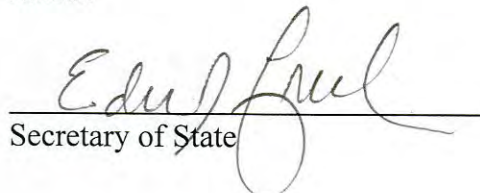
NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Carper, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and proclaim a State of Emergency for the entire State of Delaware, effective 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, 1999. By virtue of this State of Emergency, I direct and authorize that:

1. All resources of the State of Delaware shall be made available to assist in the preparation, response and clean-up activities as necessary in those areas affected by the storm.
2. The Delaware National Guard is hereby activated to assist in storm related response efforts to help alleviate the emergency situation.
3. All campgrounds statewide are subject to mandatory evacuation.
4. All schools are strongly encouraged to cancel classes for Thursday, September 16, 1999.
5. Residents in low-lying areas are urged to evacuate.
6. Delaware residents are urged to stay informed via media reports, prepare for possible power outages, remove or otherwise secure outside objects that could become projectiles in high winds and ensure an ample supply of food and water.
7. The Delaware Emergency Management Agency activate the State Emergency Operations Plan and the Relief and Recovery Plan, and cooperate with the President of the United States, the heads of the armed forces, the civil defense agencies of the United States, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in making application, if necessary, for relief and assistance for those towns and communities adversely affected by the Hurricane Floyd pursuant to the Relief and Recovery Plan of the State of Delaware and any potentially applicable federal disaster or emergency relief laws, including, but not limited to, the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1999.

  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of State

