

February 11, 2016

**Re: Governor seeks Major Disaster Declaration for 17 Counties for Jonas**

Dear Mayor,

Earlier today Governor Christie announced that the State is seeking a Major Disaster Declaration for seventeen New Jersey counties that sustained an estimated \$82.6 million in damages due to the severe winter storm event that included heavy snow, high winds, and flooding during the period of January 22 - 29, 2016. A letter outlining the State's request for a Major Disaster Declaration for Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Union, and Warren counties, was sent to President Barack Obama through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In addition, Governor Christie is requesting snow assistance for Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Union, and Warren counties.

The request follows joint preliminary damage assessments (PDAs) in the affected counties that were conducted by State and local emergency management officials in collaboration with FEMA. In order to be eligible for federal assistance, damage thresholds must be met at both the State and county level. The seventeen counties noted have met the FEMA threshold, as did the State.

None of the seventeen impacted counties met the thresholds necessary to request individual assistance (IA).

For more information on the Declaration Process please [click here](#). For a copy of the Governor's letter requesting the declaration click here.

Sincerely,

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