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A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY in the Township of Little Falls has been established, to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents. To all Township of Little Falls residents, as of 1:00 p.m. on August 7, 2024, in consultation with the Emergency Management Coordinator (OEM Coordinator), the Township has declared a State of Emergency within the Township of Little Falls as we continue to deal with the August 6, 2024 rainfall as well as the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Debby, which will continue to bring periods of moderate to heavy rain through Saturday morning, causing the potential for localized and flash flooding.

This State of Emergency in the Township of Little Falls has been deemed necessary to ensure the continued provision of essential services to our residents during this ongoing and developing flood-related emergency. Residents are advised to follow all emergency instructions related to the flood for your personal safety. Evacuations may be ordered if and when flood conditions dictate.

Specifically, it is ordered that:

1. All Township operating departments are operating under this emergency declaration and will be restricted to addressing emergency related matters as determined by the respective department heads.
2. All public safety operations will continue with specified limitations related to the flood in public access to Police and Fire and EMS.
3. Temporary shelters will be opened as needed.
4. Health and essential code inspections including damage assessment will continue with the assistance of our Township engineers.
5. Public Works will remove debris and specifically garbage collection will continue subject to changing flood limitations.

It is advised that all Township restaurants, retail establishments, and other places of public accommodation are directed to take flood control measures as needed in your location specifically addressing sanitation protocols.

Because of the flooding, there may be disruption to Township services. Notwithstanding, as local government officials, public workers, volunteers and other contracting agencies and personnel, we will do our best to continue to provide essential services for the public good of our Township residents. Our Emergency Management team will continue to monitor the emergency closely and is prepared to respond to any contingencies that arise.

The Township will provide public service announcements through our website and email blasts, and through social media. The URLs to both can be found below:

- <https://www.lfnj.com>

In the meantime, be safe and please follow recommended guidance from our Police, Fire and Emergency Management personnel.

JAMES BELFORD DAMIANO
Mayor, Township of Little Falls

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