



LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

2026-01

WHEREAS, on or about **Friday, January 23, 2026**, a **severe winter storm event** has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of **Lower Paxton Township**; and

WHEREAS, the **severe winter storm event** has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in **Lower Paxton Township**, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than **Lower Paxton Township**, may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in **Lower Paxton Township**;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors of **Lower Paxton Township**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in **Lower Paxton Township**;

FURTHER, we direct the **Lower Paxton Township** Emergency Management Coordinator (Ralph Palm) to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of **Lower Paxton Township** to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

(TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS)

Michael H. Gossert
(Township Manager)

Pamela M. Thompson
(Chairman /Board of Supervisors)

Attest:

Rolu L. Limbey
(Secretary)

Date:

1-23-2026