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Declaration of State of Emergency

To All Berkeley Heights Residents, as of 12:01am today March 13, 2020, in consultation with the Township's Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator (OEM Coordinator) the Township has declared a State of Emergency within the Township of Berkeley Heights as we continue to deal with the local and regional presence of the COVID-19 virus, commonly known as Coronavirus. This decision is consistent with the State of Emergency issued statewide by New Jersey's Governor on March 9, 2020, and is the result of ongoing collaboration between my office, the OEM coordinator, Township Administrative Departments, County of Union OEM Coordinator and other local, regional, and state health and emergency management officials, and is intended to help contain the spread of COVID-19 as the number of cases in the state grows. A State of Emergency in Berkeley Heights has been deemed necessary to help our municipal government maintain appropriate staffing levels and resources to ensure the continued provision of essential services to our residents during this ongoing and developing health emergency.

As indicated in earlier Township announcements, public events and in person access to government offices will be limited, and many schools have decided to close, during what we all hope will not be a prolonged time period.

Because the COVID-19 virus has been deemed a pandemic, we all face disruptions to our daily lives. However, while your local government officials, volunteers and employees continue to be vigilant in providing services and information to Berkeley Heights residents, visitors and businesses, we know that the strong community what we have all built together will rise to this challenge, will not panic, and will look out not only for loved ones, but for our neighbors, and for others in need. Our Office of Emergency Management team and all Berkeley Heights municipal departments and officials are well prepared and continually readying for the challenge upon us.

Thank you and be safe.