

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about Sunday January 25th, 2026 (Winter Storm Fern) has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Douglass Township Berks County; and

WHEREAS the (Winter Storm Fern) has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Douglass Township Berks County, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Douglass Township Berks County 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 Douglass Township Berks County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Supervisors of Douglass Township Berks County, 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 Douglass Township Berks County.

FURTHER, we direct the Douglass Township Berks County Emergency Management Coordinator 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 Douglass Township Berks County 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 January 25th, 2026.

Douglass Township Berks County Board of Supervisors

Ronald Mest Jr
Ronald Mest Jr (Jan 24, 2026 15:04:26 EST)

Chairman

Robert Palko
Robert Palko (Jan 24, 2026 15:58:17 EST)

Vice Chair

John Bauman
John Bauman (Jan 23, 2026 17:37:57 EST)

Member

Attest: Kalena Breitbart

Date: 24-Jan-2026