

## Declaration of State of Emergency

### Public Declaration of Emergency from Mayor Paul Gamrat regarding Severe Storm Impact and post Storm Clean up.

#### **BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY April 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2025, the Borough of Churchill, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, experienced significant damage caused by severe weather resulting in widespread falling trees, downed power lines, and hazardous debris throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, this damage has created dangerous conditions on public roadways, sidewalks, and in residential areas, and poses a continuing risk to the health and safety of Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, downed power lines are present throughout Churchill and may be energized at any time, posing extreme danger to the public; and

WHEREAS, traffic on Beulah Road( between William Penn Highway and Long Road) Lewin Lane, Georgetown Place (between Jamestown and Hollywood), and Holland Road (between Rose Drive and Hampsted Drive) been negatively impacted by making travel dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the Churchill Borough Police Department, Churchill Volunteer Fire Company, and Churchill Borough Department of Public Works are actively working together to respond to the emergency, clear blocked roads, and remove hazardous debris;

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of effected residents of Churchill Borough,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul Gamrat, Mayor of the Borough of Churchill Borough pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa. C.S. Section 7501), as amended do hereby proclaim a **State of Emergency** in the Borough of Churchill effective immediately on this 30th day of April, 2025.

FURTHER, I, Paul Gamrat, Mayor of the Borough of Churchill direct the Churchill 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.

FURTHER, I, Paul Gamrat, Mayor of the Borough of Churchill declare Churchill Borough Residents are advised to **limit all travel to essential purposes only** until further notice. The public is further warned to **stay away from all downed power lines**, as they may become energized without warning and are extremely dangerous.

FURTHER, for this reason, I, Paul Gamrat, Mayor of the Borough of Churchill, authorize the officials of Churchill Borough to act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency, namely 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, such that, to the extent required, normal time-consuming procurement procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, are waived for those products and services that are found to be necessary; bids may be solicited by telephone or other means from known suppliers, as is practical under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this Declaration of Emergency shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed seven (7) days or until such time as the Declaration is terminated in writing by the Mayor of Churchill Borough or rescinded by Churchill Borough Council.

This Declaration is made to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and to allow the Borough to access any and all necessary resources to address this emergency situation.

Please remain patient and vigilant. Power will be restored. In the meantime, continue to monitor official Borough communication channels for updates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Churchill to be affixed this 30th day of April, 2025.

**Paul Gamrat**  
**Mayor, Borough of Churchill**  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania