

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 153

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION ORDER

August 26, 2011

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service is predicting that a hurricane or tropical storm may hit the City within this weekend; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued an Declaration of Emergency for the City of New York and contiguous counties;

§ 1. Pursuant to the powers vested in me by the laws of the State of New York and the City of New York, including but not limited to the New York Executive Law, the Charter and Administrative Code of the City of New York, and the common law authority to protect the public in the event of an emergency, I hereby declare a State of Emergency.

§ 2. This State of Emergency has been declared because anticipated weather conditions are likely to cause heavy flooding, power outages, and disruption of public transportation and other vital services, and these conditions imperil the public safety.

§ 3. The Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Health and Hospitals Corporation, Department of Sanitation, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Department of

Sanitation, Department of Buildings, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Transportation, New York City Housing Authority, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Department of Design and Construction, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Correction, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management, Office of Labor Relations, School Construction Authority, Department of Education, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Department for the Aging, Department of Small Business Services, Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Media and Entertainment and Department of Cultural Affairs, Taxi and Limousine Commission, and other relevant departments and agencies, are directed, by and through themselves and others as needed, to undertake whatever activities and measures are needed, including revocation of street activity and other related event permits, to protect life and property or bring the emergency situation under control.

§ 4. (a) All hospitals, nursing homes and senior homes located in Zone A, as defined by the Office of Emergency Management, shall take all necessary steps to evacuate their facilities beginning at 8 a.m. and ending by 8 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 2011. Facilities that can maintain health and safety of patients and residents housed therein for the duration of the storm and its aftermath may continue to operate without evacuation subject to the approval of the City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and in consultation with the State Department of Health.

(b) All hospitals, nursing homes and senior homes located in Zone B on the Rockaway Peninsula, as defined by the Office of Emergency Management, shall take all necessary steps to evacuate their facilities beginning immediately and ending by 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 27,

2011. Facilities that can maintain health and safety of patients and residents housed therein for the duration of the storm and its aftermath may continue to operate without evacuation subject to the approval of the City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and in consultation with the State Department of Health.

§ 5. All members of the public (other than authorized government personnel and essential emergency personnel) are ordered to evacuate their homes and businesses if they are located in Zone A, which encompasses low-lying areas city-wide as defined by the Office of Emergency Management. Members of the public are ordered to evacuate both Zones A and B encompassing the entire Rockaway Peninsula, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

§ 6. Following evacuation from Zone A city-wide, and Zones A and B on the entire Rockaway Peninsula, all members of the public (other than authorized government personnel and essential emergency personnel) shall remain outside of Zone A, and Zones A and B on the entire Rockaway Peninsula, until further notice.

§ 7. Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this Order is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

§ 8. This Order shall take effect immediately. It shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless it is terminated or modified at an earlier date.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor