

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 184

WHEREAS, the eighth World Meeting of Families and concurrent Papal Visit will take place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from September 21-27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families, and draws participants from around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the World Meeting of Families event includes a papal visit by Pope Francis on September 26 and 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 27, 2015, Pope Francis will celebrate mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, more than 2 million people are expected to attend this event, with tens of thousands of visitors traveling through the southwest region of New Jersey to access Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, this event is likely to cause gridlock on roadways within a 50-mile radius around Philadelphia, with as many as 250,000 additional vehicles on the roadways, which equates to hundreds of lane miles of heavy traffic; and

WHEREAS, the World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit will draw enormous crowds, attract thousands of buses traveling through New Jersey into Philadelphia, and tens of thousands of people walking across the Benjamin Franklin Bridge into Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, this event is likely to be too large in scope to be handled by the normal State, County and municipal operating services, and may affect other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, to coordinate, manage, and respond to this event, it may be necessary to employ the resources of State, County and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, managing this event requires the coordinated deployment of personnel and other resources to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33, et seq., N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, and N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of all the people in the State of New Jersey do declare and proclaim that a State of Emergency exists across New Jersey for the purpose of managing this event and coordinating mutual aid through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), and do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of the State Police, to activate those elements of the State Emergency Operations Plan that he deems necessary to respond to this event, including but not limited to consideration and response to EMAC or appropriate mutual aid requests, if any, and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans as necessary to identify resources that are available for response as authorized by and coordinated through the State Director of Emergency Management.

2. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., as supplemented and amended, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of such vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area, that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. I authorize and empower the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State or interstate highway, municipal or county road, and any access road, including the right to detour, reroute, or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress and further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such order of the Attorney General or Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, as supplemented and amended, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government, and of each and every political subdivision of the State, whether of persons, properties or instrumentalities, to provide a full and prompt utilization of resources to effectively manage this event.

5. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies, and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters.

6. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40, no municipality, county or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

7. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1, to order to active duty such members of the New Jersey National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

8. In accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4, no municipality or public or semipublic agency shall send public works, fire, police, emergency medical, or other personnel or equipment into any non-contiguous affected municipality within this State, nor to any affected municipality outside this State, unless and until such

aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or his deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

9. All persons participating in a response authorized by the State Director of Emergency Management to an EMAC request shall be considered State emergency forces for the purposes of EMAC.

10. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., unless extended by me.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
18th day of September,
Two Thousand and Fifteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fortieth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor