



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Declaration of State of Emergency  
for the City of Trenton**

**WHEREAS, On April 6, 2020, as a result of a series of violent incidents within the borders of the City of Trenton, W. Reed Gusciora, as Mayor of the City of Trenton, issued a Declaration of Emergency due to the need to curb the violence within the City pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-40 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1 (b); and**

**WHEREAS, while there had been a significant increase in violent incidents, including shootings committed in the City of Trenton, some of which have occurred during late-night and early-morning hours or during times when most businesses are closed; and**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor made a finding that the incidents of violence caused civil disobedience to such a degree as to create a danger to the public and to property which created a public emergency requiring a closure of businesses and the imposition of a curfew until the end of such emergency; and**

**WHEREAS, the incidents of violence triggered the Mayor's powers under New Jersey Statutes, as well as Section 2-201 and 233-13 of the Code of the City of Trenton; and**

**WHEREAS, the incidents of violence have involved the use of All Terrain Vehicles, otherwise known as ATVs ;and**

**WHEREAS the City of Trenton recognizes a compelling public safety interest in regulating the operating hours of the various businesses within the City limits during the time of emergency; and**

**WHEREAS, after consultation with the Police Director, Emergency Management Coordinator, the Mayor has determined that there has been an**

reduction of the violence which justifies a relaxation of the State of Emergency Rules which have been in place since April 6, 2020:

**NOW THEREFORE:**

To all City of Trenton residents, effective as of 12:00am (noon), Monday, May 11, 2020, in consultation with the City's Emergency Management Coordinator (OEM Coordinator) and the Director of Police, the City has amended the Declaration of a State of Emergency within the City of Trenton to deal with the violent behavior and disorder which has created an Emergency, and same is AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is hereby imposed a 9:00PM to 6:00AM closing of all Businesses within the City of Trenton including gas stations.
2. There is hereby imposed a 9:00PM to 6:00AM curfew for ALL individuals within the City of Trenton limits, including vehicular traffic, upon the public streets, ways or places within the City of Trenton, except as authorized by me other designated officials or for police, fire or other emergency vehicles. This restriction on Trenton residents remaining home or at their place of residence does **not** apply to: 1) health care workers; 2) delivering food or beverages to, or caring for someone who is in need of medical attention; 3) seeking medical attention, essential social services, or assistance from law enforcement or emergency services; 4) caring for family or other individuals with whom the resident has a close personal relationship, such as those for whom the individual is a caretaker or romantic partner; 5) reporting to or from, or performing, their job; 6) leaving because of a reasonable fear for his or her health or safety; or 7) leaving at the direction of law enforcement or other government agency; 8) Government officials or employees taking part in their official duties; 9) Food delivery and drive-through food establishments may serve or deliver food, until 10:00 p.m. each day.
3. All off-road type vehicle, ATV and similar vehicles remain banned from use within the City of Trenton whether on private property, or public roads, and parks, for the duration of this emergency. Any individual operating an ATV or similar vehicle during this time shall have the ATV seized by the Trenton Police Department.
4. Effective immediately, all Gas Stations are hereby prohibited from the sale of gas to any ATV or similar vehicle during the time of this emergency.

Violations of this Declaration shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2000 per offense.

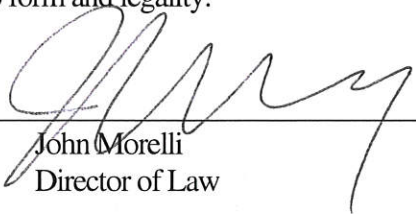
The City will continue to provide residents with public service announcements twice daily, at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, through social media and the City website. The URL's to both can be found below:

- <https://www.facebook.com/cityoftrentonnj/>

By:   
W. Reed Gusciora  
Mayor

Dated: 5-6-2020

As to form and legality:

By:   
John Morelli  
Director of Law

Dated: 5/6/2020

As to filing with the City Clerk:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dwayne Harris  
City Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_