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**MAYOR REDD ISSUES EMERGENCY DECLARATION DUE TO HURRICANE IRENE**

*Declaration Restricts Movement Of Traffic To Essential And Emergency Personnel Only*

**CAMDEN** – Mayor Dana L. Redd today issued a proclamation of local disaster emergency for the City of Camden due to Hurricane Irene. The National Weather Service is indicating that Hurricane Irene will affect the region today, Saturday, August 27, 2011, into Sunday, August 28, 2011. High winds and flooding conditions are predicted.

The emergency declaration asserts that the movement of traffic and personnel be restricted to essential personnel and necessary travel from 6:00 p.m. August 27, 2011, to 6:00 p.m. August 28, 2011. By issuing a proclamation of local disaster emergency, the City of Camden will be eligible for State and federal disaster relief funds once they are made available. The President of the United States and the Governor of New Jersey both issued a declaration of emergency for the State of New Jersey.

In anticipation of Hurricane Irene, the Mayor has also activated the **City of Camden Department of Public Works's Hotline at 856-757-7034**. Residents are highly encouraged to call the Hotline for assistance relating to the City's hurricane preparedness efforts. Residents should call 911 for emergency situations only.

**Emergency shelters will be opened at Malandra Hall Community Center, located at New Jersey and Merrimac Roads, and Isabel Miller Community Center, located at 8th Street and Carl Miller Boulevard, for those who cannot remain in a safe dwelling. These locations will be open from TODAY, Saturday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 29.** The Camden School District will also open schools as emergency shelters if additional space is needed. The Camden Housing Authority will open their community centers as emergency shelter as well. The Camden County Board of Social Services (located at 600 Market Street, as well as the Camden Police Administration Building (located at 800 Federal Street), will open their main lobby on Saturday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m. so the homeless population can seek refuge from the hurricane.

For additional information on how to prepare for a hurricane, please visit the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management website at [www.njready.gov](http://www.njready.gov).

A copy of the emergency declaration is attached below:

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**

TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY  
AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND BUREAUS OF THE CITY  
GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Chapter 251 of the laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-30 et. Seq.; and by ordinances enacted pursuant thereto: N.J.S.A 2C:33-1 et. seq.; and by ordinances adopted by the City of Camden; I have declared that a local disaster/emergency exists within the City of Camden as a result of the Hurricane Irene of August 29, 2011, and

WHEREAS, by aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations, as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such a disaster/emergency; and

WHEREAS, by a result of this storm with extreme wind conditions and rain, and other dangerous conditions existing in the City of Camden, which may effect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the City of Camden, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the City of Camden should then be declared a disaster area, and further, that certain measures must be taken to insure that the authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order, as well as maintaining an orderly flow of traffic for the purposes of same, and further in order to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions; and

WHEREAS, the entire political subdivision of the City of Camden is designated as a disaster area;

Now, Therefore, in accordance with the aforesaid laws, I do hereby promulgate and declare the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the City of Camden effective 7:00 p.m. this date:

**Movement of traffic and personnel shall be restricted to essential personnel and necessary travel from 6:00 PM August 27, 2011 to 6:00 PM August 28, 2011 to ensure the Police Department of the City of Camden and emergency vehicles have access to those specific areas seriously affected by said emergency conditions; evacuation of persons so affected by emergency shall be made where necessary and emergency shelters shall be opened and staffed as required. This proclamation shall give the Police Department of the City of Camden the specific authority to remove any vehicles impeding the path of emergency traffic. Additionally residents are strongly urged to remain in a safe and secure place during this period of time.**

And that this declaration shall remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on August 29, 2011, unless extended by me to protect the safety and health of the Citizens.

AS EVIDENCE THEREOF I HAVE ATTACHED MY HAND AND SEAL this 27th day of August, 2011, in execution thereof;

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