



TOWN OF WESTWOOD
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
TOWN OF WESTWOOD

WHEREAS, the Town of Westwood is forecast to experience a powerful winter storm of long duration impacting the entire Commonwealth with heavy snow and damaging winds;

WHEREAS, the storm poses an imminent threat to public safety with a high likelihood of blizzard conditions, downed trees, widespread power outages, and property damage;

WHEREAS, high winds in low lying areas, heavy snow may require evacuation of residents as well as cause significant damage to public and private property;

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate the Town of Westwood's protection of persons and property from the impacts of the storm and expedite the use of Town of Westwood resources, as well as the deployment of interlocal resources, to provide necessary assistance in the Town of Westwood's emergency response and recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will permit the Town of Westwood to request and receive mutual aid assistance from other communities and the Commonwealth through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and is a prerequisite to requesting a disaster declaration from the President of the United States;

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will also facilitate the immediate procurement and deployment of goods and services necessary to ensuring a prompt and effective response to, and recovery from, this storm; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will allow the Selectmen to issue such emergency orders as are necessary to protect the Westwood's residents and ensure the health, safety and security of their property;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of Selectmen for Westwood Massachusetts, pursuant to the power provided by the Commonwealth and the Town of Westwood Charter do hereby issue this proclamation that there now exists in the Town of Westwood a STATE OF EMERGENCY.

This proclamation of a STATE OF EMERGENCY is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to our judgment, that the STATE OF EMERGENCY no longer exists.

Patrick Ahearn, Chairman