

Office Of The Governor

**GOVERNOR MURPHY ANNOUNCES THAT NEW JERSEY HAS
RECEIVED MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION**

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today announced that President Donald J. Trump has issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of New Jersey. The declaration will provide federal assistance to supplement statewide recovery efforts affected by the COVID-19 pandemic beginning on January 20, 2020.

"With our major disaster declaration approved, New Jersey will now have access to greater essential federal support to help our residents through this emergency," said Governor Murphy. "This declaration will allow us to lift remaining bureaucratic barriers to assistance and enhance our statewide response to COVID-19. I am grateful to the Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their collaboration and coordination in supporting our response and recovery efforts to COVID-19 in New Jersey."

In his request dated March 23, 2020, Governor Murphy requested two types of statewide assistance, including individual assistance, which provides assistance to individuals and households, and public assistance, which includes assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities.
