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PERC Rules Notice, Lame Duck Webinar, Film Spending

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NJLM Weekly Roundup <noreply@civicplus.com>

Wed, Oct 29, 2025 at 3:48 PM

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State Issues

SHBP Plan Design Committee Meeting Holds October Meeting

On Wednesday, October 22, the State Health Benefits Commission Plan Design Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting.

[Read more: SHBP Plan Design Committee Meeting Holds October Meeting](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

PERC Publishes Notices Adopting and Amending Rules

On October 20, the Public Employment Relations Commission published three notices in the New Jersey Register. These notices included the readoption and new amendments to N.J.A.C. 19:11-1.5, the readoption of N.J.A.C. 19:13, and the agency's adoption of a proposed amendment at N.J.A.C. 19:14-2.1(a).

[Read more: PERC Publishes Notices Adopting and Amending Rules](#)

Contact: Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x137.

Complete the BPPT Survey Questionnaire Today

The League recently released the Business Personal Property Tax (BPPT) survey questionnaire. Please complete the League's BPPT Survey Questionnaire by October 31 to help the League with proposed legislative language.

[Read more: Complete the BPPT Survey Questionnaire Today](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn

Please join us on October 31 at noon for a Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn, where we highlight bills of municipal interest that may be acted on during the remainder of the legislative term.

[Read more: Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

DEP Seeks Community Feedback on DocMiner Online Tool

DEP invites the public and regulated community to provide feedback on its newly launched DocMiner online tool. The DocMiner tool will provide greater access to public records found through DEP's existing DataMiner online database.

[Read more: DEP Seeks Community Feedback on DocMiner Online Tool](#)

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BPU Consolidates Programs, Creates Single Gateway for Builders

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) announced details of its New Construction Program (NCP), an initiative designed to incentivize energy-efficient construction and support New Jersey's clean energy goals.

[Read more: BPU Consolidates Programs, Creates Single Gateway for Builders](#)

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EDA Announces Film Industry Spending for 2024 Breaks Record

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) announced \$833 million in film industry spending in 2024, with more than 556 productions filmed in New Jersey.

[Read more: EDA Announces Film Industry Spending for 2024 Breaks Record](#)

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NJ Municipalities Blog: Newark Awarded Film Industry Grant

This week, [the NJ Municipalities blog](#) reports on a recent award for Newark's Economic Development Corporation, Invest Newark. The \$750,000 grant is from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board.

Want to share your local story? Please send in your 300- to 1,000-word items and photos.

Contact: Amy Spiezio, Editor, aspiezio@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x123.

Federal Issues

Federal Budget Shutdown Continues

The partial shutdown of the federal budget has entered its fourth week.

[Read more: Federal Budget Shutdown Continues](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

FY 2025 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program Funding

The U.S. Economic Development Administration is accepting applications for the FY 2025 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program.

[Read more: FY 2025 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program Funding](#)

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Conference Connections

NJLMEF Kickoff Event Focuses on Security

Start the Conference this year with the 3rd Annual League Foundation Kickoff Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at the Atlantic City Convention Center. At 9:30 a.m., Lieutenant Colonel David Sierotowicz, Homeland Security Branch Command, NJ State Police, will speak on homeland security issues and human trafficking as we approach the Nation's 250th Celebrations and hosting the 2026 World Cup.

Breakfast is free, but [registration is required in advance](#).

League Environmental Conference Connections

Session Spotlight: Environmental Issues

Stormwater Management, Electric Vehicles, Recycling, Proposed DEP REAL rules, and Sustainability are just a few of the League Conference Sessions focused on the environment. The sessions will help you plan, learn best practices, and determine what emerging topics will affect your community. For CEU and speaker information, please visit the Conference website or download the Conference app.

[Read more: Environmental Conference Connection](#)

Also of Interest

2025 New Jersey Youth Sports Conference

The New Jersey Devils and the Devils Youth Foundation in partnership with New Jersey's professional sports organizations, community leaders and advocates from across the State and Country are hosting the New Jersey Youth Sports Conference on November 5.

[Read more: 2025 New Jersey Youth Sports Conference](#)

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250 Champions Program Submissions Due November 15

The National Academy of Public Administration is seeking nominations to honor exceptional individuals working in government who exemplify "democracy at the doorstep."

[Read more: 250 Champions Program Submissions Due November 15](#)

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2025 Winter Wonderland Municipal Tree Contest

1 message

Sands, Derek <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Thu, Oct 30, 2025 at 12:35 PM

To: "Sands, Derek" <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>, "Rotundo, Mark" <mrotundo@bergencountynj.gov>

Cc: "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>, "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>, "Lautz, Jared" <JLautz@bergencountynj.gov>

Good afternoon, Mayors & Administrators & almost season's greetings:

Bergen County's Annual Winter Wonderland is set to return this November for its special 10th Anniversary and on behalf of County Executive Tedesco, the Board of Commissioners, and the Bergen County Parks Department, we are once again excited to invite your municipality to participate in the annual Winter Wonderland Municipal Tree Decorating Contest to showcase your community's pride!

To confirm your participation and schedule your tree decorating time, please contact Mark Rotundo (he's on this email) at the Bergen County Parks Department: mrotundo@bergencountynj.gov.

My best,

Derek Alan Sands (*he/him/his*)

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of County Executive James J. Tedesco III

County of Bergen

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2025 Winter Wonderland Municipal Tree Decorating Contest Letter.pdf

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James J. Tedesco III
 County Executive

October 30, 2025

Dear Mayor,

Bergen County Winter Wonderland is returning to Van Saun County Park from Friday, November 28th through Sunday, January 4th, and promises a season full of festive, family-friendly fun! The park will once again be transformed into a magical winter escape featuring an ice-skating rink, Santa's North Pole Workshop, and an indoor, synthetic ice bumper car rink. Guests can enjoy premier food trucks offering seasonal treats, a beer and wine garden, live music performances, and rides on the beloved Millennium Carousel. For full event details you can visit: www.BergenCountyWinterWonderland.com.

I would like to personally invite you to participate in two events:

- **Town Tree Decorating Contest** – From **November 28th to December 5th**, we invite you and a delegation from your municipality to decorate your designated Town Tree and showcase your community pride. By RSVPing to participate, your town will receive **up to 20 tickets** to attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The winning municipality will be awarded either a **private skating session on December 15, 18, or 23, or additional complimentary tickets** valid between **December 7, 2025, and January 4, 2026.**

***The Tree Decorating Delegation should bring its own ladder, town sign, and decorations. Lights will be provided; no additional lights will be allowed.**

Decorating on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29 and Nov. 30, must be done before 10:30AM.

- **Tree Lighting Ceremony** – Join us on **Saturday, December 6th at 6:00 PM** as we as wee light our **70-foot centerpiece tree**. During the ceremony, we'll also announce the contest winner.

As Winter Wonderland continues to be a cherished tradition for families across Bergen County, we hope your town will be part of this year's festivities!

To confirm your participation and schedule your tree decorating time, please contact **Mark Rotundo** at the Bergen County Parks Department: mrotundo@bergencountynj.gov.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Sincerely,

James J. Tedesco, III
 County Executive

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Clocks Fall Back This Weekend, Election Day is Tuesday

1 message

The State of New Jersey <updates@info.nj.gov>
To: mmargiotta@closternj.us

Thu, Oct 30, 2025 at 2:42 PM

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NJ Updates: Events, Deadlines, Programs, Guidance, and More

Want to know about current topics in New Jersey? The State of New Jersey Update features information, news, resources, guidance, and more. Additional featured news is also available at [NJ.gov](https://www.nj.gov).

Tuesday, November 4 is Election Day

All active registered voters can vote by mail, vote early, or vote in person on or before Election Day, November 4, 2025.



Vote by mail: Request your ballot in person from your County Clerk by Monday, November 3 at 3:00 p.m. Ballots must be [deposited in a secure drop box](#), dropped off in person [at your County Board of Elections](#), or postmarked by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Track your ballot at voter.svrs.nj.gov.

Vote early: Head to any [early voting location](#) in your county through Sunday, November 2 (10 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Sunday). No appointment needed.

Vote in person: Go to [your assigned polling place](#) on Tuesday, November 4, 6 a.m.–8 p.m. Most voters don't need ID.

Questions? Visit [Vote.NJ.gov](#) or call 1-877-NJ-VOTER.

Visit [Vote.NJ.Gov](#)

Time's Almost Up! Don't Miss Out on New Jersey Property Tax Relief

There are fewer than 48 hours left to apply for New Jersey Property Tax Relief!



For homeowners and renters 65+ or receiving Social Security disability: File Form PAS-1 (covering ANCHOR, Senior Freeze, and Stay NJ) by October 31. You'll need property details from 2023 and 2024 bills plus gross income from both years. The state will determine your eligibility and notify you of specific benefits by year's end.

For homeowners and renters under 65 not receiving disability benefits: Many residents already received ANCHOR Benefit Confirmation Letters on August 13. If you didn't receive one, you can still apply using Form ANC-1 by October 31. You'll need your 2024 property bill and 2024 income information only.

Both applications are available online. Have your driver's license, state ID, or passport ready to verify your identity.

Apply Now

Drive Carefully During Deer Mating Season

Residents are reminded to drive carefully as daylight hours shorten and the risk of deer collisions increases.

White-tailed deer are involved in thousands of motor vehicle collisions every year. Most of those collisions occur during peak deer mating season, which in New Jersey runs from late October through mid-December. Many car commuters drive at times of day when deer are most active, and when lighting conditions may make driving more difficult.



[Learn More](#)

Fall Back: Daylight Savings Time Ends Soon

New Jersey clocks fall back one hour with the return to Eastern Standard Time at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2, 2025.



State Offices Closed for Election Day, Veterans' Day

All State offices will be closed for Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025 and for Veterans' Day on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.



[Business.NJ.gov](https://business.nj.gov) is working to make it easier for people in our State to start a business. We previously invited readers to [share their New Jersey business experience in a 10-15 minute survey](#). We're asking readers in our Spanish-speaking communities to share that survey, translated into Spanish below, with friends and family.



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Bergen County SNAP Benefit Update & Food Assistance Resources

1 message

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Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 2:42 PM

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Cc: "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>, "Lautz, Jared" <JLautz@bergencountynj.gov>, "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>, "Fallon, Patrick" <pfallon@bergencountynj.gov>

Good afternoon, Mayors & Administrators:

On behalf of County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Board of Commissioners, please see the attached letter with an update regarding the administrative delay in federal SNAP benefits. While this situation continues to unfold, please know that our network of food pantries and emergency providers are prepared to assist those in need.

Attached you'll find a list of more than 80 food pantries and emergency food providers across Bergen County, compiled by the Bergen County Office of Food Security. You can also use our interactive Food Pantry Finder at <https://bergenfightshunger.org/food-pantry-finder> to locate nearby resources, including 26 senior congregate meal sites.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Food Security at (201) 336-7464 or officeoffoodsecurity@BergenCountyNJ.gov.

Sincerely,

Derek Alan Sands (*he/him/his*)

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 **Municipal Letter Food Security.pdf**
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 **10-29-35 Updated Food Pantry List.pdf**
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James J. Tedesco, III

County Executive

October 30, 2025

Dear Mayors, Councilmembers and Administrators,

Due to the ongoing Federal Government shutdown, New Jersey has been notified that November SNAP benefits will not be available on November 1st – meaning that nearly 43,000 individuals in Bergen County will not have access to critical food assistance benefits. While we continue to monitor this unfolding and unprecedented situation, please know that our network of food pantries and emergency food providers are ready to assist residents in need.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a list compiled and maintained by the Bergen County Office of Food Security of food pantry resources broken out by town, containing the address and contact information for 80 food pantries and emergency food providers operating in Bergen County. The Office of Food Security has also created a food pantry finder tool, which can be found at bergenfightshunger.org/food-pantry-finder. This interactive map can help residents identify food assistance resources closest to them and also contains information about 26 senior congregate meal sites operated by the Bergen County Division of Senior Services. If you have questions about these resources please contact the Bergen County Office of Food Security at (201) 336-7464 or at officeoffoodsecurity@bergencountynj.gov.

We must ensure that the organizations working on the front lines to fight hunger, many of whom are already experiencing historic levels of need, are equipped to meet this additional surge of need resulting from the SNAP benefit freeze. We have been heartened by the incredible response at the municipal level to coordinate emergency food drives supporting local pantries. If you have not already initiated a collection event, please consider setting up one in your community in partnership with your school district, local civic organizations, and any other groups within your municipality that may be able to assist.

We are so grateful for your partnership, and confident that together we can meet this moment of stress for so many families in need with compassion, dignity, and fortitude.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James J. Tedesco, III".

James J. Tedesco, III, Bergen County Executive
And the Bergen County Board of Commissioners

Food Pantries in Bergen County

Bergenfield (07621)

Borough of Bergenfield
198 North Washington Avenue
201-387-4055 EXT. 6

CSBC MOM's Food Pantry
7 West Main Street
201-983-1027

St. John the Evangelist
29 N Washington Avenue
201-384-0101

Bogota (07603)

St. Joseph Food Pantry
115 E. Fort Lee Rd
201-803-6276

Cliffside Park (07017)

El Faro Spanish Seventh-Day
Adventist Church
220 Walker Street
551-358-3220

Epiphany Community Food Pantry
247 Knox Avenue
551-362-0221

Closter (07624)

Closter Food & Assistance Board
295 Closter Dock Road
201-784-0600 Ext. 429

Cresskill (07071)

Cresskill Cares a NJ Nonprofit
85 Union Avenue
929-430-7626

Dumont (07628)

Dumont Food Pantry - DCCares
39 Dumont Avenue
201-387-5062

St. Mary's Church
280 Washington Avenue
201-384-0557

The Food Brigade
185 West Madison Ave
201-614-4414

East Rutherford (07073)

Meadowlands YMCA
390 Murray Hill Parkway
201-955-5300 X 255

Edgewater (07020)

Church of the Holy Rosary
365 Undercliff Avenue
201-945-6329

Elmwood Park (07407)

RAP / The People's Pantry
236 Falmouth Ave
201-796-1457 EXT. 106

Strangers Helping Strangers Just
To Lend a Hand
690 River Drive
StrangersHelpingStrangersNJ@gmail.com

Englewood (07631)

Center for Food Action
192 West Demarest Avenue
201-569-1804

Disabled Combat Veterans Youth
Program
113 Engle Street
833-888-8129

Englewood Neighborhood Pantry
128 West Demarest Avenue
551-206-8302

Englewood Parks and Rec
130 West Englewood Ave
201-568-3472

Mount Calvary Baptist Church
101 Tenaflly Road
201-567-0113

Office of Concern at St. Cecilia's
55 West Demarest Avenue
201-568-1465

Women's Rights Information Center
108 West Palisade Ave
201-568-1166

Fair Lawn (07410)

Fair Lawn Food Pantry
8-01 Fair Lawn Avenue
201-794-5327

St. Anne's Food Pantry
15-05 St Anne Street
201-791-1616

Van Riper Ellis Broadway Baptist
Church
7-01 River Road
201-791-8844

Fairview (07022)

Franciscan Community Development
Center of Fairview
239 Anderson Avenue
201-941-1000

Garfield (07026)

Calvary Baptist Church
217-245 Passaic Street
973-773-2444

Garfield (07026)

Garfield Unity Pantry
529 Midland Avenue
973-245-9579

Garfield YMCA
33 Outwater Lane
973-772-7450

Garfield Spanish Church
111 Midland Ave
973-760-3130

Glen Rock (07452)

Father's Cupboard Food Pantry at
Grace Redeemer Church
21 Harristown Road
201-301-6260

Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha
541 Prospect Street
201-251-4300

St. Catharine's Food Pantry
905 Maple Avenue
201-661-3651

Hackensack (07601)

All Access Community
Development Corporation
351 First Street
info@allaccess-cdc.com

Buddies of New Jersey
149 Hudson Street
201-489-2900

Center for Food Action
316 First Street
201-883-9375

Community Agape Church
70 Polify Road (*Mobile Food Pantry*)
786-368-5988

Family Promise of Bergen County
120 S River St
201-833-8009

Harvest to Hope
Emmanuel Christian Fellowship
34 Van Wettering Place
201-487-8220

Mount Olive Baptist Church
260 Central Avenue
201-489-6888

Varick Memorial
A.M.E. Zion Church
120 Atlantic Street
201-674-7024

Transition Professionals
269 Passaic Street
201-261-2500

Food Pantries in Bergen County

Hasbrouck Heights (07604)

Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry
320 Boulevard
201-288-0195

Hillsdale (07642)

Helping Hand Food Pantry
349 Hillsdale Avenue
201-664-0600

Leonia (07605)

St. John the Evangelist
470 Broad Avenue
201-947-4545

Little Ferry (07643)

Evangel Christian Church
165 Main Street
973-985-1860

Lodi (07644)

Saint Francis de Sales
125 Union Street
973-779-4330

Lyndhurst (07071)

Lyndhurst Food Pantry
253 Stuyvesant Avenue
201-804-2421

Sacred Heart Food Pantry

324 Ridge Road
201-438-1147

Mahwah (07430)

Center for Food Action
90 Ridge Road
201-529-2029

New Milford (07646)

Church of the Ascension Food Pantry
256 Azalea Drive
201-836-8961

North Arlington (07031)

Queen of Peace Church
10 Franklin Place
201-997-2086

Norwood (07648)

WholeSum Food Pantry
66 Summit Street
201-394-4089

Oakland (07436)

Ponds Reformed Church
341 Ramapo Valley Road
201-337-6744

Old Tappan (07675)

Old Tappan Food Pantry
227 Old Tappan Road
201-664-1849 EXT 25

Palisades Park (07650)

St. Michael Church
19 E Central Blvd
201-944-1061

Paramus (07652)

Paramus Community Pantry
105 North Farview Avenue
201-265-2100 ext. 6102

Park Ridge (07656)

Tri Boro Food Pantry
65 Pascack Road
201-573-9083

Ramsey (07446)

St. Paul Food Pantry
200 Wyckoff Ave
201-327-0976

Ridgefield (07657)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
941 Slocum Avenue
201-837-3189

The Food Brigade @

St. Matthew's Church
555 Prospect Ave
201-945-3500

Ridgefield Park (07660)

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
125 Park Street
201-641-6464

Ridgewood (07450)

Ridgewood YMCA
112 Oak Street
201-444-5600

Social Service Association of

Ridgewood
6 Station Plaza
201-444-2980

River Edge (07661)

St. Peter's Food Pantry
445 Fifth Avenue
201-261-3366

Rutherford (07070)

Grace Episcopal Church
128 West Passaic Avenue
201-438-8623

Rutherford Community Food

Pantry
176 Park Ave
201-460-3000 x 3168

Saddle Brook (07663)

Center for Food Action
224 Midland Avenue
201-703-9857

South Hackensack (07606)

Open Door Community Center;
North Jersey Vineyard Church
310 Phillips Ave
786-368-5988

Teaneck (07666)

Faith Hope & Love Pantry
480 Warwick Avenue
201-833-4502

Helping Hands Food Pantry

191 The Plaza
201-357-2545

Jewish Family and Children's

Services of Northern NJ
1485 Teaneck Road
201-837-9090

Never Alone Again Resource Center

668 American Legion Drive
201-289-1718

Never Alone Again Resource Center

1465 Palisades Ave
201-289-1718

Wallington (07057)

N.J. Food & Clothing Rescue
To register, contact Renay
201-218-1707

Westwood (07675)

Annie Clyde Holt Food Pantry
100 Palisade Avenue
201-956-5614

Parkside Community Church

545 Fourth Ave
201-666-8998

St. Andrew RC Church

120 Washington Ave.
201-666-1100

Westwood United Methodist Church

105 Fairview Ave
201-406-5409

Wood-Ridge (07075)

Assumption Church
143 1st Street
201-438-5555

Wyckoff (07481)

Families for Families
250 Braen Ave
201-499-5622

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SNAP Benefits Update

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NJLM Urgent Alert <noreply@civicplus.com>

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Urgent Alert

October 31, 2025

To: NJ Municipal Elected and Appointed Officials

From: Mike Cerra, Executive Director

Re: SNAP Benefits Update

Earlier today, a Federal Judge ordered that the US Department of Agriculture continue to distribute Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding during the Federal shutdown through the use of contingency funding. This decision, unless overturned, temporarily heads off circumstances in which a reported 42 million people would not have their monthly balances replenished on the first of the month.

The League, through Hope Mayor Tim McDonough, Chair of its OEM Task Force and League Past President, has been in communication with the Governor's Office, the New Jersey State Police (NJSP), and the NJSP Office of Emergency Management and asked to convey the following to you:

First, while this Court order temporarily continues SNAP funding, balances will likely not be replenished to individuals' Families First EBT card for a few days, possibly by Tuesday or Wednesday.

For this reason, it is recommended that you advise your residents who utilize SNAP benefits to check their balances before heading to the store or market.

Second, due to the threat of fraud, please advise your residents on SNAP benefits that no one will call or email them to ask for any information related to their SNAP benefits. Please further advise your residents that they should not give out any information in response to a phone call, text message, or email. Any such communication brings with it a high likelihood of fraud.

It is our understanding that the Attorney General's office will be issuing information within the next day or so and additional information will be forthcoming from the Administration.

We will continue to keep you up to date as information becomes available.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 402

WHEREAS, beginning on October 1, 2025, the federal government of the United States began a shutdown of numerous critical government services; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing federal shutdown has resulted in a lapse of federal funding critical to administering benefits programs at the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), including the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"); and

WHEREAS, starting on Saturday, November 1, 2025, all residents of the State of New Jersey who are enrolled in SNAP will not receive their November federal benefits, which enable them to purchase basic food supplies; and

WHEREAS, SNAP provides essential nourishment to some of the most vulnerable New Jersey residents, including children, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, as of October 1, 2025, more than 800,000 New Jerseyans rely on SNAP benefits to meet their basic nutritional needs; and

WHEREAS, almost half of the 800,000 New Jerseyans who rely on SNAP are children; and

WHEREAS, one in three are individuals with a disability; and

WHEREAS, one in five are over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, a lapse in SNAP benefits will make it difficult or impossible for these residents to obtain nutritional assistance and, as a result, there is a substantial likelihood that residents may go hungry; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity is one of the key drivers of health, and lack of access to affordable, nutritious food contributes to preventable illness, increased healthcare costs, and diminished well-being; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is a plaintiff in a pending federal lawsuit, Massachusetts v. U.S. Dep't of Agriculture, No. 25-cv-13165 (D. Mass.) seeking a temporary restraining order to restore benefits, and other

plaintiffs have brought suit in Rhode Island State Council of Churches v. Rollins, No. 25-cv-569 (D.R.I.) also seeking emergent relief, but final relief has not been ordered, and notwithstanding any court order, a substantial likelihood of gaps and/or delays in availability of November federal benefits to residents remains; and

WHEREAS, the imminent lapse in SNAP benefits beginning on November 1, 2025, due to the lack of federal funding endangers the health, safety, welfare and resources of the 800,000 New Jerseyans who rely on SNAP benefits to meet their basic nutritional needs and this constitutes a "disaster" under the Civilian Defense Act and Disaster Control Act, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 401 (2025) created a Task Force on the Federal Suspension of SNAP Benefits, consisting of the Office of the Governor and critical State agencies and offices to coordinate New Jersey's response to the acute food insecurity crisis caused by the federal government shutdown and USDA's failure to fund SNAP; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 56:8-107 et seq., prohibits excessive price increases for essential items, including food, during a declared state of emergency, and for 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the State's public bidding act, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6 et seq., provides a public exigency exemption, N.J.S.A. 52:34-10(b), that in the event of a threat to the life, health, or safety to the public, the bidding process is expedited for those goods and services necessary to address the public exigency where the Division of Purchase and Property provides preapproval in accordance with Treasury Circular 18-14-DPP; and

WHEREAS, this situation will become too large in scope or unusual to be handled in its entirety by the normal county or municipal operating services, or by private non-profit services, in New Jersey; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey DO DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of New Jersey, effective at 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025; and I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

1. I authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to implement the State Emergency Operations Plan and to direct the activation of county and municipal emergency operations plans, as necessary, and to coordinate the recovery effort from this emergency with all governmental agencies, the Task Force on the Federal Suspension of SNAP Benefits, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

2. I authorize and empower the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules to waive, suspend, or modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary for the duration of this Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management. Any such waiver, modification, or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A. App. A:9-45.

3. I authorize and empower the Adjutant General, in accordance with 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 and residents where there is an impending threat or danger to the public health, safety, and welfare due to a lack of access to food and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

4. In accordance with the N.J.S.A. App. A:9-34 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-51, 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, and to commandeer and utilize any personal services and any privately-owned property necessary to protect against this Emergency.

5. 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.

6. 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 concerning this State of Emergency.

7. 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 disaster-stricken municipality within this State, nor to any

disaster-stricken municipality outside this State, unless and until such aid has been directed by the county emergency management coordinator or their deputies in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management.

8. I reserve the right to take all necessary and appropriate steps to use existing state resources to address the needs of individuals on SNAP and to take any additional actions to protect the residents of this State against the emergency created by the lapse in SNAP benefits.

9. This Order shall take effect at 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
31st day of October,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Fiftieth.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Kate E. McDonnell
Chief Counsel to the Governor