Mayor W. Reed Gusciora Lifts Temporary Trenton Curfew and Implements Ongoing Curfew for Minors

Trenton, N.J. — Guided by the advice and support of the Trenton chapter of the NAACP and leaders from the communities of faith, government, education and business, Mayor W. Reed Gusciora lifted the curfew today that was put in place on April 6.

Effective immediately, the temporary 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew is lifted. Residents and visitors can move about the city freely and lawfully and businesses within the city limits can resume their normal business hours, while continuing to implement any and all directions from city and state authorities regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus public-health emergency.

“I am pleased to lift the curfew and resume after-hours city life, including the commercial activity that we need to power our city’s economy,” said Mayor Gusciora. “I am grateful to Jonette Smart, President of the Trenton chapter of the NAACP, for her counsel on the curfew and other matters important to the well-being of our great city.”

While the overall curfew is lifted, the Mayor has imposed a June 11 to September 1 curfew—9:59 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.—for juveniles under the age of 18, who must be indoors overseen by a parent or legal guardian and off city streets and roadways by 10 p.m. Trenton PD units protecting the city have been advised to enforce this rule.

The NAACP’s Smart, who met with the Mayor on Thursday, is confident that the city will maintain a peaceful climate and that police will continue their mission to respectfully protect and serve the people of Trenton.

“Many thanks to Mayor Gusciora for this afternoon’s meeting and for listening to our serious concerns about the curfew and other issues having a profound impact on our city’s quality of life,” said Ms. Smart. “I am looking forward to additional discussions with the Mayor on a range of issues important to NAACP members and city residents.”

The Amended Declaration of State of Emergency for the City of Trenton is attached. It is also available on the city’s website at www.trentonnj.org.

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Amended 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, on May 7, 2020, there was an Amended Order which allowed the curfew to be moved from 8:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and

    WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, the curfew was amended to 8 p.m.; and

    WHEREAS, the Governor of New Jersey, Philip Murphy has lifted the “stay at home” order as to the residents of the State of New Jersey regarding the COVID-19 virus: and

    WHEREAS, the incidents of violence and destruction of property have abated so as to permit a removal of the curfew which was imposed for all adults and businesses in the City of Trenton; and

    WHEREAS there still exists a need to retain the curfew hours imposed from September 1 through June 30 upon juveniles, through out the months of July and August, as defined and set forth in the City Code of the City of Trenton 58-1 through 58-9; and

NOW THEREFORE:

To all City of Trenton residents, as of 6·11·2020, effective immediately, 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 repeal the curfew previously imposed upon any adult over the age of 18 as well as upon any business enterprise, along with all other restrictions set forth in the prior Declarations issued by the Mayor, except that:
1. There is hereby imposed a 9:59 PM to 6:00 AM temporary curfew, in accordance with City Code 58-3, for all juveniles, which shall last until September 1, 2020, at which time the juvenile curfews set forth in City Code 58-3 shall remain as set forth in the City Code.

Violations of this Declaration shall be punishable by the fines set forth in the Trenton City Code 58-7.

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

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

By: [Signature] W. Reed Gusciora Mayor

Dated: 6.11.2020

As to form and legality:

By: [Signature] John Morelli Director of Law

Dated: 6.11.2020

As to filing with the City Clerk:

By: [Signature] Eric Berry Acting Municipal City Clerk

Dated: 6/11/2020