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TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE CITY OF PATERSON, NEW JERSEY AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND BUREAUS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF PATERSON:

Paterson, NJ - - Due to the hazardous and severe weather conditions forecast to impact the City of Paterson today, and imminent risk to the health, safety and welfare of the people of the City of Paterson, Mayor Jose 'joey' Torres declared today a State of Emergency for the City of Paterson and its boundaries.

Weather forecasters expect from 18-24 inches of snow in northern areas of the state and blizzard warnings are in effect in Passaic and Bergen counties as well as in 11 other counties.

"I urge residents to be safe and not travel our roads," said Mayor Jose 'joey' Torres. "Our first responders and public safety officers are on duty and can efficiently handle any emergency, and our Department of Public Works is also on the road, cleaning our streets.

"Please take safety precautions should you need to venture outside and take extra steps to safeguard the elderly and pets."

Residents can also report problems to the City Hotline, 973-321-1558.

The City of Paterson urges all residents to:

- Secure any loose outdoor items
- Prepare a disaster kit
- Make a family emergency plan
- Do not leave pets outside
- Check on friends and neighbors especially the elderly, disabled and sick
- Monitor your favorite news for storm updates

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