

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

August 11, 2026

RECITALS

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:30 a.m. on August 11, 2026, a confirmed tornado struck the Village of Homewood, Illinois, and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the tornado caused widespread and substantial damage within the Village, including downed trees and power lines, damage to homes and other buildings, and flooding; and

WHEREAS, at the time of this declaration, many residents are without electrical power, and the resulting conditions threaten public health, safety, and welfare and require coordinated disaster-response and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, the severity and extent of the damage exceed the resources immediately available to the Village and require assistance from Cook County, the State of Illinois, the United States government, and other public or private entities; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, authorizes the principal executive officer of a political subdivision to declare a local disaster, thereby activating the political subdivision's emergency operations plan and authorizing the furnishing of aid and assistance under that plan;

DECLARATION

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Richard A. Hofeld**, Village President of the Village of Homewood, Illinois, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, hereby declare as follows:

1. A **local disaster** exists throughout the Village of Homewood as a result of the tornado that struck the Village and surrounding area at approximately 10:30 a.m. on August 11, 2026, and the resulting damage and disruption.

2. The Village's emergency operations plan is activated, and Village officials, departments, employees, and authorized agents are directed to take appropriate actions under that plan to protect life and property and to support

response, damage assessment, debris removal, restoration, and recovery operations.

3. The Village requests all disaster assistance for which it may be eligible from **Cook County**, the **State of Illinois**, the **United States government**, and any other appropriate governmental or nongovernmental entity. Village officials are authorized and directed to coordinate with those entities, provide damage and cost information, and take actions reasonably necessary to seek, receive, administer, and document available aid and assistance, subject to applicable law.

4. This Declaration is intended to establish and document the existence of a local disaster and to facilitate disaster response, recovery, reimbursement, and assistance. It does **not**, by itself, impose a curfew or order any evacuation, business closure, travel restriction, or other comparable restriction on persons or property.

5. All Village departments shall preserve records of disaster-related personnel time, equipment use, contracts, purchases, mutual-aid activities, damage, debris removal, emergency protective measures, and other response and recovery costs to support requests for reimbursement or assistance.

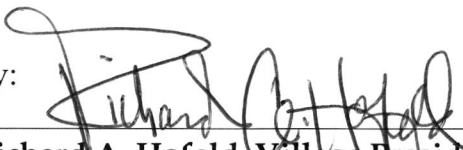
EFFECTIVE PERIOD; PUBLICITY AND FILING

6. This Declaration is effective immediately upon issuance and shall remain in effect for seven days unless terminated earlier. It may be continued or renewed beyond seven days only by or with the consent of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, as provided by 20 ILCS 3305/11.

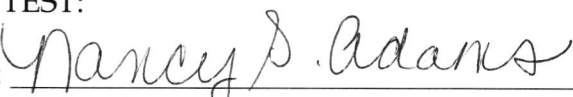
7. The Village Clerk is directed to give this Declaration prompt and general publicity and to file it promptly in the official records of the Village of Homewood.

DECLARED AND ISSUED this 11th day of August, 2026.

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS

By: 
Richard A. Hofeld, Village President

ATTEST:

By: 
Deputy Village Clerk

