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## **Governor Chris Christie Postpones Halloween Celebrations to Ensure Public Safety in the Aftermath of October Storm**

**Trenton, NJ** - Citing the need to ensure the safety of the public amid the continued state of emergency in New Jersey, Governor Chris Christie today signed Executive Order 105, postponing Halloween celebrations across New Jersey until Monday, November 5, 2012 as a result of continued unsafe conditions in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

"I've taken this action to minimize additional risks to lives and the public safety as we begin the process of rebuilding and recovering from Hurricane Sandy," said Governor Christie. "In too many communities in our state, the damage and losses from this storm are still being sorted out, and dangerous conditions abound even as our emergency management and response officials continue their work. As Governor, it is my responsibility to use all available resources of the state government to protect against the emergency created by Hurricane Sandy – postponing Halloween celebrations by five days is a commonsense and necessary step to accomplish that."

The damage sustained from Hurricane Sandy poses a continued threat to public safety in communities across New Jersey due to flooding, fallen trees, downed power lines, roadway closures, and disruptions in electrical service, making it unsafe and imprudent to participate in traditional celebrations, such as trick-or-treat walks. Local officials are advised to notify and encourage their communities and residents to delay any planned celebrations until Monday.

[Executive Order 105](#) [pdf]

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