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## **Mayor Ortt Announces NYS Officials To Assess Storm Damage In North Tonawanda**

NORTH TONAWANDA—North Tonawanda Mayor Robert G. Ortt has announced that any residents or businesses who suffered property damage from the severe thunderstorm this past Friday are advised to contact their insurance provider to make a claim. "Even if the claim is denied, residents will need a claim number to initiate the next step in the assistance process, should we get to that point. I have requested emergency assistance from Governor Cuomo's office due to the number of residents who sustained significant property damage as a result of the thunderstorm this past Friday," stated Mayor Ortt.

In addition, all residents and businesses are invited to speak with and provide information to members of the state's damage assessment team. New York State officials from the Department of Financial Services Insurance Division have set up a mobile command center at Niagara Falls City Hall located at 745 Main Street. The command unit is located in the parking lot and will be open at least until Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 6pm.

Mayor Ortt said, "This mobile unit from the State, is here to service any resident or business affected by this recent storm. It is not only for Niagara Falls residents and I was upset that more people outside the city of Niagara Falls, who were affected by this storm, were not made aware that these folks from the state would be available. I would like to thank Governor Cuomo for making them available and for recognizing the seriousness of this most recent weather event."

Mayor Ortt would also like to remind all residents that the city will be picking up any bulk items that were damaged as a result of the severe thunderstorm this past weekend. In addition, any tree branches, or brush related to storm damage can be placed at the curb. The DPW will be making runs throughout the city to pickup this material for the remainder of this week.

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