

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 19-30

Declaring a State of Peacetime Emergency in the State of Minnesota

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

Beginning on March 12, 2019, rapid snowmelt floodwaters have inundated large portions of Minnesota, severely impacting communities across the state resulting in extensive damage to public infrastructure and private property.

On April 10, 2019, Winter Storm Wesley, with heavy snowfall and strong winds, created blizzard conditions in Minnesota, closing roads, damaging the electrical distribution system causing widespread power outages, and threatening public safety.

The resources of local, Tribal, county, and state government are being fully utilized to ensure immediate response to protect the life and safety of persons in the affected areas, and to protect property and infrastructure from additional damage.

The following Tribal Nations have been impacted: Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Lake Band of Chippewa, and Upper Sioux Community. As set forth in Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 12.31, subdivision 2, the State Director of Emergency Management has consulted with tribal authorities about this Executive Order.

The electrical distribution system (power grid) has been damaged in the counties of Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Houston, Jackson, Le Sueur, Lyon, Mower, Murray, Nobles, Olmsted, Pipestone, Rock, Sibley, Steele, Waseca, and Yellow Medicine.

The Federated Rural Electric Cooperative in Southern Minnesota has requested mutual aid assistance from the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives to assist in repair and restoration of the power grid.

The Marshall County Sheriff has requested the assistance of the Minnesota National Guard, for personnel to assist with over watch of the cities' dikes and flood protection systems and to potentially support rescue and evacuation operations within the community of Oslo, Minnesota.

The counties Freeborn, Marshall, Mower, and Steele have requested Minnesota National Guard assistance with the rescue of stranded motorists, community safety patrols, and to provide local armories as emergency shelters.

The affected counties' emergency operations plans are activated. Many Cities, Tribes, and counties have declared local emergencies, and local jurisdictions are requesting state assistance and resources.

The Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) activated the State Emergency Operations Center and implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan and state agencies are providing assistance to local governments.

For these reasons, I hereby order that:

1. A state of peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 12.31 exists in the impacted Tribal Nations of Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Lake Band of Chippewa, and Upper Sioux Community, as well as the counties of Anoka, Beltrami, Becker, Benton, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Cass, Chippewa, Chisago, Clay, Cottonwood, Dakota, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Grant, Hennepin, Houston, Isanti, Jackson, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lyon, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Mille Lacs, Mower, Morrison, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Norman, Olmsted, Pennington, Pipestone, Polk, Ramsey, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Stearns, Steele, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wabasha, Wadena, Waseca, Washington, Watonwan, Wilkin, Winona, Wright, Yellow Medicine.
2. The Adjutant General order to state active duty on April 11, 2019 in the service of the State, such personnel, equipment, and resources of the military forces needed to support emergency mitigation and response.
3. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management continue coordinating the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local governments, and determine the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
4. All state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, provide the assistance necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.

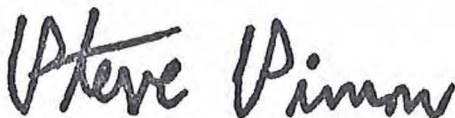
This Executive Order is effective immediately. It remains in effect until emergency assistance and resources of the State are no longer required or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

Signed on April 11, 2019.



Tim Walz
Governor

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Secretary of State

