

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

Emergency Executive Order 17-10

Providing for Assistance to the United States Territory of Puerto Rico

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

Whereas, Hurricane Irma hit Puerto Rico on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, causing significant damage and knocking out electric service to more than 1,000,000 people;

Whereas, just two weeks later, Hurricane Maria made direct landfall at Puerto Rico on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 as a powerful Category 4 hurricane, causing widespread destruction across the entire island, endangering life and property;

Whereas, the territory of Puerto Rico and all 78 municipalities (county equivalents) have been catastrophically impacted by damaging winds, heavy rains, severe flooding, and landslides creating dangerous conditions that will persist for an indeterminate period of time;

Whereas, all major public infrastructure systems, including roads, bridges, electric power, communications, and water on the island have been severely damaged and operation of those systems will be significantly degraded for many months, if not years;

Whereas, the damage to transportation systems throughout Puerto Rico has significantly undermined the abilities of public safety agencies to respond to calls for emergency services;

Whereas, local, municipal, and territorial government does not have adequate resources to meet their requirements for emergency response and recovery operations, including personnel and equipment;

Whereas, the governor of Puerto Rico has declared a State of Emergency to save lives, protect property, and promote health, and security; and

Whereas, the impacted States have requested the assistance of the Minnesota National Guard under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

Now, Therefore, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about October 25, 2017 in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such period of time as necessary to support aerial movement of personnel and equipment and other response operations in the impacted states.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease or contract for goods and services necessary to accomplish the mission.
3. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of said individuals shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, sections 192.49, subdivisions 1 and 2; 192.52; and 192.54, and as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the State Register as soon as possible after its issuance. It remains in effect until the termination of the emergency conditions caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 25th day of October, 2017.



Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Steve Simon
Secretary of State

