

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 20-108

Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Providing Assistance to Stranded Motorists

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

On December 23, 2020, a powerful winter storm with heavy snowfall and strong winds created blizzard conditions across Minnesota, closing roads and threatening public safety.

These dangerous driving conditions resulted in many stranded vehicles, placing lives and property at risk. The resources of affected local and county governments were inadequate to meet the demands caused by these severe winter weather conditions.

On December 23, 2020, the Renville and Martin County sheriffs requested that the Minnesota National Guard assist with the rescue of stranded motorists and provide the Olivia and Fairmont armories as emergency shelters. Upon my authorization, the National Guard provided the requested assistance.

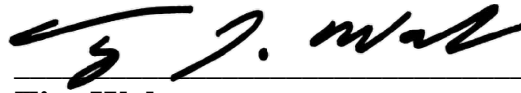
For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty on December 23, 2020 the people, equipment, and facilities needed to provide assistance throughout Minnesota.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and it remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the winter storm subside or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on December 24, 2020.



Tim Walz
Governor

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