

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 20-72

Activating the Minnesota National Guard and Declaring a Peacetime Emergency to Provide Safety and Protection to the People of Clay County and Surrounding Communities

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:

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd died while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. Since Mr. Floyd's death, thousands of Minnesotans have expressed their frustration in a peaceful and constructive manner. Peaceful demonstrations are essential to our democratic system. Unfortunately, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, including acts of arson, rioting, looting, and damaging public and private property. This senseless violence tears at the fabric of our society, does not reflect our values, and presents a clear and present danger to life and property in Minnesota.

The Clay County Sheriff and local law enforcement partner agencies are aware of credible threats that violent activities during demonstrations planned in North Dakota could spill into nearby Minnesota communities. Responding to a large-scale event to protect life, safety, and property would quickly exhaust the resources of the Clay County Sheriff's Office and its mutual aid partners. Minnesota State Patrol personnel are assisting other communities. Clay County has activated its emergency operations plan, and the Sheriff has requested assistance from the Minnesota National Guard to help provide security and preserve public safety. National Guard resources are available to provide this assistance.

The State Emergency Operations Center ("SEOC") is currently activated and has implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan. The SEOC can support this mission in addition to its current support of security operations in other communities and the State's COVID-19 response.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency in Clay County and surrounding communities and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General will order to state active duty on June 3, 2020 the personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to support emergency operations and response.

2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will continue to coordinate the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local government and assess the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
4. State agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide assistance to local units of government as they respond to and recover from this emergency.
5. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and its duration is governed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

Signed on June 3, 2020.



Tim Walz
Governor

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