



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

Executive Order 25-15

Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Providing National Guard Assistance in Response to a Severe Winter Storm

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:

This morning, a powerful winter storm impacted large portions of Minnesota. The storm has included strong winds, with gusts up to fifty miles per hour, and created blizzard conditions that are threatening public safety. The resources in local and county governments are inadequate to meet the public safety demands caused by these severe winter weather conditions.

Freeborn County has declared a local emergency in response to the winter storm. Since then, its first responders have been overwhelmed due to the number of incidents along impacted roads. As a result, Freeborn County has requested assistance from the Minnesota National Guard.

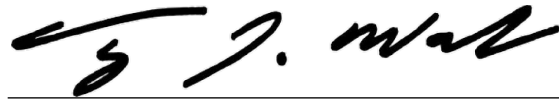
For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 12.31, and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty on December 28, 2025, the personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources needed to provide assistance throughout impacted and requesting jurisdictions in Minnesota.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The costs of this assistance will be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 4.035, subdivision 2. The peacetime emergency declared in this Executive Order expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 12.31, subdivision 2. The remainder of this Executive Order, including the activation of the Minnesota National Guard, remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the winter storm subside or January 2, 2026, whichever occurs first.

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 28, 2025.

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Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Filed According to Law:

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Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed December 28, 2025
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