



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 26-06

Providing Assistance to Winona County

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 Monday, April 6, 2026, the County of Winona experienced a cyberattack that targeted critical systems and digital services. This cyberattack persisted overnight into Tuesday April 7, causing significant disruptions and impairing Winona County's ability to provide vital emergency and critical services.

Winona County officials have been working around the clock since discovering the cyberattack, closely coordinating with Minnesota Information Technology Services, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the League of Minnesota Cities, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and an external cybersecurity vendor. Unfortunately, the scale and complexity of this incident has exceeded both internal and commercial response capabilities. As a result, Winona County has requested cyber protection support from the Minnesota National Guard to help address this incident and make sure that vital municipal services continue without interruption.

For these reasons, I order as follows

1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty the personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources 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 2025, section 192.52.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 4.035, subd. 2, and remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the cyberattack subside or until it is rescinded by proper authority, whichever occurs first.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 April 7, 2026.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Filed According to Law:

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE

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