

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 21-20

Declaring a Peacetime Emergency to Provide Safety and Protection

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:

Today, the Hennepin County District Court heard closing arguments in the trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin. The anticipated verdict in the Chauvin trial and the fatal police shooting of Daunte Wright have raised the potential of further civil unrest in the seven-county metropolitan area of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties. Since April 11, 2021, when Daunte Wright died after being shot by a police officer, many Minnesotans have expressed their frustrations in a peaceful and constructive manner. However, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, including looting and damaging public and private property. These activities threaten the safety of lawful demonstrators, people in the surrounding communities, and first responders. As such, local and state resources have been reallocated to assist in the unrest in Brooklyn Center and nearby communities. This reallocation has drawn resources away from the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, and nearby communities, where there is a threat of civil unrest.

Operation Safety Net, a joint planning and response effort between the State of Minnesota and many local jurisdictions to coordinate and send resources, continues to operate. On February 5, 2021, in Executive Order 21-06, I activated the Minnesota National Guard to support public safety and security, and to respond to potential civil unrest during and after the Chauvin trial. As a result, the National Guard is currently on state active duty and authorized to respond to civil unrest. The National Guard can supplement local law enforcement efforts to keep the peace, ensure public safety, and allow for peaceful demonstrations.

Local and state resources have been fully deployed, but they are inadequate to address the threat. Recent events in Brooklyn Center have exhausted Minnesota's local and state resources and are likely to hamper our ability to provide public safety and protect critical infrastructure and key resources in the seven-county metro area in the coming week. For these reasons, the Chiefs of Police in the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul and the Sheriffs of Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties have all requested that the State seek assistance from other states pursuant to

the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (“EMAC”). This peacetime emergency declaration allows the State to receive EMAC assistance from other states.

For these reasons, and to protect peace and safety, I declare a peacetime emergency in the seven-county metropolitan area of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties and order state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies and other states, to assist local units of government as they respond to and recover from this emergency.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and its duration is governed by Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

Signed on April 19, 2021.



Tim Walz
Governor

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Secretary of State