

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 22-08

#### **Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Providing National Guard Assistance to Local Emergency Flood Operations in Minnesota**

**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:

Beginning on April 23, 2022, a severe spring storm system with very heavy rains and strong winds has caused flash flooding across northwestern Minnesota. Flooding on the Red Lake River at Crookston has closed local roads and threatened important infrastructure, including a fire station and a housing development.

Local governments are fully utilizing their resources to protect life and safety in the affected areas, and to guard property and infrastructure from additional damage.

Local government resources are not sufficient to address the threat to life and property posed by the flooding. Several counties have declared local emergencies and activated their emergency operations plans. Pursuant to the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, the Polk County sheriff and emergency manager have requested that the Minnesota National Guard assist with emergency sandbagging, patrol of flood protection systems, and potential evacuation operations.

The Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("HSEM") has partially activated the State Emergency Operations Center and implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, making state agencies available to assist local governments.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 12.31, and order as follows:

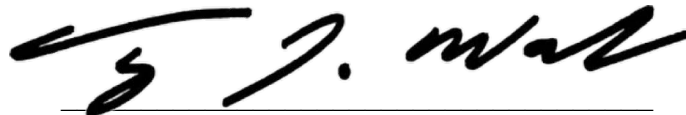
1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty on April 24, 2022 the personnel, equipment, and resources needed to support emergency flood operations.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.

3. HSEM will continue to coordinate the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local governments and determine the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
4. All relevant state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide the assistance necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.
5. The costs of this assistance will be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency are effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and remain in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the flooding subside or they expire in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 12.31, subdivision 2, 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 24, 2022.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Filed According to Law:



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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

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Secretary of State,  
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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, by the Executive Council of the State of Minnesota, at its emergency meeting on April 29, 2022, that it approves the following:

Extend the peacetime emergency declared in Emergency Executive Order 22-08 and extend Emergency Executive Order 22-08 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Providing National Guard Assistance to Local Emergency Flood Operations in Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 12.31, subdivision 2.

Approved by Executive Council

DATE: April 29, 2022

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