

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 22-23

#### **Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Providing National Guard Assistance to Stranded Motorists**

**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 week, a powerful winter storm with heavy snowfall, strong winds, and extreme cold temperatures has created blizzard conditions in Minnesota, closing roads and threatening public safety.

These dangerous conditions have resulted in many stranded vehicles, placing lives and property at risk. The resources of the affected local and county governments are inadequate to meet the demands caused by these severe winter weather conditions.

The Renville County Sheriff's Department has requested that the Minnesota National Guard assist with the rescue of stranded motorists and provide local armories as emergency shelters.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 12.31, and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty on December 23, 2022 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 2022, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency are effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 4.035, subdivision 2. The peacetime emergency declared in this Executive Order expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2022, 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 December 30, 2022, 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 23, 2022.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

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