

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 23-01

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.

Starting late on February 14, 2023, a powerful winter storm with heavy snowfall and strong winds created blizzard conditions in Minnesota, closing roads and threatening public safety.

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

Last night, the Clay County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Minnesota National Guard. Based on my verbal order, the Minnesota National Guard activated to provide assistance and rescue stranded motorists.

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 February 14, 2023 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 will 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 February 22, 2023, 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 February 15, 2023.



Tim Walz
Governor

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