



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 24-05

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:

Starting in May 2024, Minnesota has experienced unusually wet weather patterns, including heavy rain that significantly exceeds monthly averages, frequent thunderstorms, and prolonged downpours, leading to saturated soils and elevated river levels across the state.

The amount of precipitation has caused significant lake, riverine, and overland flooding; disrupted agricultural activities; and damaged roads and property throughout the state. More rain is forecast for the coming days, which will likely push many lake and river levels beyond their historic highs.

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. Unfortunately, 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. The Sheriff of Le Sueur County has requested that the Minnesota National Guard provide logistics and operations support with the production and staging of flood protection materials. We anticipate that other counties will make similar requests.

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.

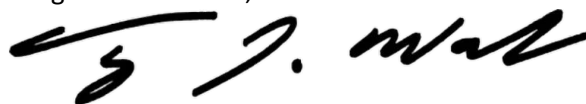
For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 12.31, and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty on June 23, 2024 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 shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency are effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 4.035, subdivision 2. The peacetime emergency declared in this Executive Order expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2023, 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 flooding subside or July 22, 2024, 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.

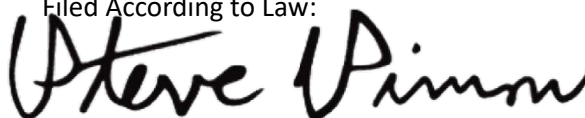
Signed on June 22, 2024.

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

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Filed June 22, 2024
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon

Filed According to Law:

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Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE