



# STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

## Emergency Executive Order 24-09

### Amending Executive Order 24-05 and Authorizing Financial Assistance to Veterans under the State Soldiers Disaster Relief Program

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:

On June 22, 2024, I signed Executive Order 24-05 and declared a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 12.31, in response to the historically wet weather patterns Minnesota was experiencing and the resulting strain it put on local resources. The Executive Council extended this peacetime emergency at an emergency meeting on June 27, 2024.

Local governments and the Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are fully utilizing their resources to help impacted communities recover swiftly. On July 1, 2024, President Biden approved a major disaster declaration for the State of Minnesota (Release Number HQ-24-113). The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") separately announced the availability of federal disaster assistance to the State of Minnesota to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by the severe storms and flooding (FEMA Declaration DR-4797-MN). Damage assessments are ongoing and additional counties and forms of assistance may be added once the assessments are completed.

While damage assessments are continuing, it is clear significant relief is needed to help impacted Minnesotans, including our veterans, recover. Per Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 9055.0340, the Governor may issue an emergency executive order authorizing the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs ("MDVA") to provide benefits and assistance to veterans in the event of a declared emergency as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 12.03, subdivision 1e.

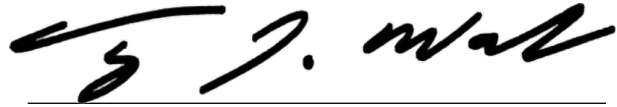
For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. Executive Order 24-05 is amended to add paragraphs 6, 7, 8, and 9 (indicated by underlined text):
  6. MDVA will activate the State Soldiers Disaster Relief Program pursuant to Minn. R. 9055.0340, Subp. 2, to provide relief to veterans and their dependents in the counties identified herein.
  7. President Biden approved a major disaster declaration in the counties of Blue Earth, Carver, Cass, Cook, Cottonwood, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Jackson, Lake, Le Sueur, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Rice, Rock, St. Louis, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, and Watonwan.
  8. Additional counties are currently under review by FEMA and may receive a federal disaster declaration in the future related to this incident. Upon receiving a federal declaration, veterans and their dependents in those additional counties will become eligible for assistance under the State Soldiers Disaster Relief Program.
  9. All other provisions of Executive Order 24-05 remain in full force and effect.

This Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and remains in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires.

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 July 25, 2024.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

**Tim Walz, GOVERNOR**

Filed According to Law:

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

**Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE**

Filed July 25, 2024  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State  
Steve Simon