



# STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

## Emergency Executive Order 24-12

### Providing National Guard Assistance to the State of Florida

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 September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida as a category 4 hurricane. Florida is still recovering from the damage caused by that storm. Now, less than two weeks later, Hurricane Milton, another powerful storm, is forecast to have a significant impact in Florida.

Because this storm is coming while the State of Florida is still responding to Hurricane Helene, it is reasonably expected to overwhelm local emergency response teams, leaving communities without adequate resources to manage widespread damage. As part of its response, the State of Florida has requested assistance and support under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The Minnesota National Guard is uniquely positioned to provide immediate assistance to affected areas.

For these reasons, I order that:

1. The Adjutant General order to state active duty on October 7, 2024, the people, equipment, and facilities needed to support emergency operations in Florida.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The Adjutant General is authorized to enter into supplementary agreements with the State of Florida as necessary to accomplish the mission, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 192.89.
4. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 192.52.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and remains in effect until National Guard resources are no longer required, or November 6, 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 October 7, 2024.

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Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Filed According to Law:

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Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed October 7, 2024  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State  
Steve Simon