



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 25-02

Providing Emergency Shelter Assistance in Wadena County

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 February 16, an apartment building in Wadena County was destroyed by fire as subzero temperatures and wind chills made firefighting efforts difficult. One person was found deceased and nine residents have been displaced. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office requested the Minnesota National Guard assist by providing the local armory as a short-term emergency shelter for the displaced residents.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General may order to state active duty on February 18, 2025, the people, equipment, and facilities needed to provide temporary shelter.
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 2024, section 192.52.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and remains in effect until such date as National Guard resources are no longer required or until February 25, 2025, 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 18, 2025.

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Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Filed According to Law:

Filed February 18, 2025
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon

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Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE

