## **STATE OF MINNESOTA**

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**



## MARK DAYTON GOVERNOR

**Emergency Executive Order 14-03** 

## Declaring an Emergency in the State of Minnesota and Providing Assistance for Search and Rescue, and Sheltering of Stranded Motorists

**I**, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

Whereas, on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, a winter storm caused white out conditions and dangerous wind chills affecting central and southern Minnesota, threatening public safety, and necessitating road closures; and

Whereas, dangerous driving conditions resulted in multiple stranded motorists creating an imminent danger to persons and property, presenting an immediate need to activate emergency resources; and

Whereas, the resources of the affected local and county governments were inadequate to meet the demands generated by the winter conditions; and

Whereas, several county sheriffs requested the assistance of the Minnesota National Guard to support recovery and sheltering of stranded motorists.

Now, Therefore, I hereby declare an emergency and order that:

- 1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about January 26th, in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such period of time as necessary to provide assistance and emergency relief services.
- 2. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease, or contract for goods and services necessary to accomplish the mission.

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3. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay, and allowances of said individuals shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, sections 192.49, subdivisions 1 and 2; 192.52; 192.54, and as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the conclusion of the emergency.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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Mark Ritchie Secretary of State