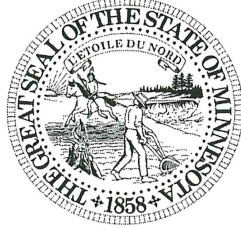


# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



**MARK DAYTON**  
**GOVERNOR**

### **Emergency Executive Order 15-01**

#### **Declaring a State of Emergency in Minnesota and Providing Assistance to 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 a winter storm affected southwestern, southeastern, and northwestern Minnesota, which necessitated road closures and threatened public safety; and

**Whereas**, dangerous driving conditions resulted in multiple stranded vehicles and these conditions created an imminent danger to persons and property, presenting an immediate need to activate emergency resources and sheltering; and

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

**Whereas**, the Sheriffs of Watonwan and Freeborn counties have requested the assistance of the Minnesota National Guard to support recovery and sheltering of stranded motorists.

**Now, Therefore**, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 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 goods and services necessary to accomplish the mission; and
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, 192.52, 192.54, and as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such date as elements of the military forces of the State are no longer required.

**In Testimony Whereof**, I have set my hand on this 9th day of January, 2015.

  
Mark Dayton  
Governor

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Secretary of State

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