



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #194

Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Widespread Flooding

WHEREAS, beginning on April 16, 2023, a dangerous spring storm with associated heavy rainfall changing to snow moved across the State of Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, due to rapidly melting snow and highly saturated soil from persistent rainfall and snowfall recently and throughout the winter, area rivers and streams have risen swiftly, causing damaging impacts to local communities;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Patrol and the National Weather Service are urging Wisconsinites to avoid travel in the areas affected by rapidly rising waters;

WHEREAS, local communities facing rising flood waters are sandbagging critical infrastructure, preparing for pumping operations and taking other precautionary measures;

WHEREAS, emergency responders from fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services need to respond because of this severe weather, including Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Wisconsin National Guard; and

WHEREAS, additional personnel and resources are needed to expedite and enhance the response and recovery operations of the affected areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of Wisconsin.
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in this response and recovery effort.
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist civil authorities for purposes of assisting in response and recovery efforts as well as providing security and other essential services.
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to utilize personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighteenth day of April in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
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Secretary of State