The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #295

Relating to a Declaration of a State of Emergency in Response to Severe Weather and Flooding

WHEREAS, beginning on June 16, 2018, widespread and continuing severe thunderstorms producing torrential rain, damaging wind, and large hail caused evacuation of persons, downed trees and powerlines, mudslides, and flash flooding that damaged roads and bridges in the counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, and Iron, amounting to a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, emergency responders from fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services need to respond to this severe weather, including staff from Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin State Patrol, 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 in the affected areas;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, 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, 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in the Wisconsin counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, and Iron.

2. Direct all State agencies to assist the above-referenced counties 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 use 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 June in the year two thousand eighteen.

SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State