



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Walz

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December 20, 2019

Mr. Joe Kelly
Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
445 Minnesota Street, Suite #223
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Director Kelly:

Based upon supporting documents provided to me by the Department of Public Safety – Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, I have determined that damage in certain areas of Cass and Itasca counties resulting from a severe thunderstorm with gale force winds and heavy rain on October 21, 2019 is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant the use of the State Public Disaster Assistance fund, as described under Minn. Stat. §12B.

In order to provide state public disaster assistance, I hereby designate you as my authorized representative so that you may:

- allocate such amounts as you find necessary for state disaster assistance from funds available for these purposes;
- provide public assistance in the designated area; and
- provide additional assistance if requested by a local government; and warranted by the results of further damage assessments, to the extent allowable under Minn. Stat. §12B.

Sincerely,

Tim Walz
Governor

Cc: Commissioner John Harrington, Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Commissioner Myron Frans, Minnesota Department of Management and Budget
Scott Bruns, Cass County Board Chair
Joshua Stevenson, Cass County Administrator
Sheriff Tom Burch, Cass County Emergency Management Director
Davin Tinquist, Itasca County Board Chair
Brett Skyles, Itasca County Administrator
Sheriff Victor Williams, Itasca County Emergency Management Director