

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 22-13

#### **Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Providing National Guard Assistance to Local Emergency Flood Operations in Minnesota**

**I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

Starting on April 22, 2022, heavy spring rains fell on frozen lakes and terrain throughout the Rainy River Basin in northern Minnesota. Successive rounds of precipitation, combined with rapid snowmelt during the following weeks, have caused significant lake, riverine, and overland flooding throughout the region. More rain is forecast for the coming days, which will likely push many lake and river levels beyond their historic highs of 2014 and 1950.

Local governments are fully utilizing their resources to protect life and safety in the affected areas, and to guard property and infrastructure from additional damage. Unfortunately, local government resources are not sufficient to address the threat to life and property posed by the flooding. Several counties have declared local emergencies and activated their emergency operations plans. The sheriffs and emergency management directors of St. Louis and Koochiching counties have requested that the Minnesota National Guard provide logistics and operations support with the production and staging of flood protection materials.

The Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("HSEM") has partially activated the State Emergency Operations Center and implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, making state agencies available to assist local governments.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 12.31, and order as follows:

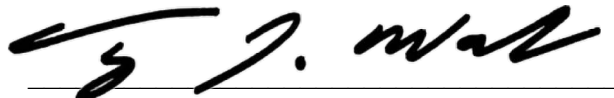
1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty on May 21, 2022 the personnel, equipment, and resources needed to support emergency flood operations.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.

3. HSEM will continue to coordinate the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local governments and determine the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
4. All relevant state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide the assistance necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.
5. The costs of this assistance will be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency are effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 4.035, subdivision 2. The peacetime emergency declared in this Executive Order expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 12.31, subdivision 2. The remainder of this Executive Order, including the activation of the Minnesota National Guard, remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the flooding subside or June 6, 2022, whichever occurs first.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on May 19, 2022.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

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