

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 22-15

#### **Extending the National Guard Assistance to Local Emergency Flood Operations in Minnesota Provided in Executive Order 22-13**

**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:

In the last week, a series of high-volume rainfalls have occurred across the Rainy River Basin, worsening the significant lake, riverine, and overland flooding throughout the region. Area rivers and lakes have surpassed the high-water marks of 2014 and are now within inches of the historic high-water marks of 1950. Current forecasts suggest that water levels will remain very high through the month of June.

Local governments have declared local emergencies and activated their emergency operations plans. Local resources are being fully utilized 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.

On May 19, 2022, I issued Executive Order 22-13, which declared a peacetime emergency and authorized the Adjutant General to activate the National Guard to state active duty through June 6, 2022. Since May 21, 2022, the Minnesota National Guard has been providing logistics and operations support by producing and staging flood protection materials. The National Guard has steadily increased its commitment of soldiers, supplies, and equipment to provide relief, but Minnesota communities continue to need National Guard support.

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 order as follows:


1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty 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 is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the flooding subside or June 30, 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 June 3, 2022.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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Secretary of State

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