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February 1, 2022

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 Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Steele and Wabasha counties resulting from severe thunderstorms that produced multiple tornadoes, damaging winds, rain, sleet, ice and snow on December 15, 2021 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: John Harrington, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Jim Schowalter, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Management and Budget
Tim Tjosaas, Dodge County Board Chair
Jim Elmquist, Dodge County Administrator
Matt Maas, Dodge County Emergency Management Director
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