



**EXECUTIVE ORDER #16**

**Relating to Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to  
Widespread Flooding**

**WHEREAS**, from March 13 to 15, 2019, an extremely dangerous spring storm system with associated heavy rainfall and damaging winds moved across the entire State of Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, due to rapidly melting snow, frozen ground, and highly saturated soil from persistent rainfall in the summer and fall of 2018, area rivers and streams are rising swiftly causing the potential for widespread flooding throughout the State of Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin State Patrol and the National Weather Service are urging citizens to avoid travel in areas affected by rapidly rising waters;

**WHEREAS**, local communities facing rising flood waters are sandbagging critical infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, emergency responders from fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services need to respond because of this severe weather, including Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Wisconsin National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 321.39(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Governor may order such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as may be necessary to assist with emergency response and recovery operations in the affected areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of Wisconsin.
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in this response and recovery effort.

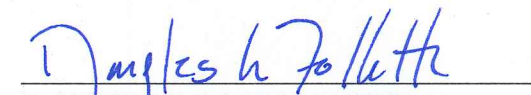
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist civil authorities for purposes of assisting in response and recovery efforts as well as providing security and other essential services.
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to utilize 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 fifteenth Day of March in the year of two thousand nineteen.



  
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TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State