

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 20-30

Providing National Guard Assistance for Spring Flood Response and Protection

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:

River and soil moisture levels have been historically high throughout the fall and winter. Large areas of Minnesota have been under significant threat of flooding from spring snowmelt, and many rivers have already reached flood stage.

On April 4, 2020, a strong late winter storm with heavy snowfall and powerful winds struck the Red River Valley, worsening flood conditions and pushing some rivers to major flood stage. Melting of the new snow will keep river levels high for the next two weeks, closing local roads and threatening public safety.

Multiple counties have declared local emergencies and activated emergency operations plans. Local resources are being fully utilized to ensure immediate response to protect the life and safety of people in the affected areas and to protect property and infrastructure from additional damage.

The Marshall County Sheriff has requested Minnesota National Guard assistance with monitoring dikes and flood protection systems, as well as supporting potential rescue and evacuation operations, within the community of Oslo, Minnesota.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General will order to state active duty on April 7, 2020 the people, equipment, and facilities needed to provide flood relief and related assistance throughout Minnesota.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.

3. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 192.52.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2. It remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the flooding subside or it is rescinded by proper authority.

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 April 7, 2020.



Tim Walz
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Steve Simon
Secretary of State