



EXECUTIVE ORDER # 5

Relating to Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Severe Winter Weather

WHEREAS, beginning on January 27, 2019, and extending through February 1, 2019, an extremely dangerous winter storm with heavy snowfall, bitter and potentially life-threatening temperatures, extreme wind chill values at -30 to -50 degrees below zero, and blowing and drifting snow will be moving across the entire State of Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, due to this prolonged, extreme weather and the potential threat of frostbite and hypothermia, travel conditions are expected to worsen;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Patrol and the National Weather Service are urging citizens to avoid travel in the areas affected by this winter storm, through January 29, 2019;

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

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Emergency Management has requested me, pursuant to Section 321.39(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to use the Wisconsin National Guard as may be necessary to assist with emergency response and recovery operations in the affected portions of the state.

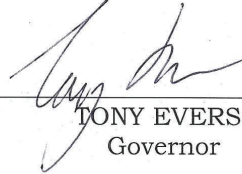
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12(3) and (4), do hereby order the following:

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 twenty-eighth Day of January in the year of two thousand nineteen.



TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State