



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #260

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency and
Calling to Active Duty Elements of the Wisconsin National Guard
under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma closely followed by Hurricane Maria have adversely impacted and devastated the territory of the United States Virgin Islands and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico causing dangerous and life-threatening conditions and destruction of property requiring assistance with rescue and recovery of personnel in the affected areas, with security for persons and property, and with other aid to the damaged and destroyed areas; and

WHEREAS, a request was made by the territory of the United States Virgin Islands and there is an impending request from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for the assistance of other State's National Guard forces under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC); and

WHEREAS, a response by the Wisconsin National Guard cannot be made under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, section 323.80 Wisconsin Statutes, without a declaration of emergency and an authorization to utilize the Wisconsin National Guard personnel in a State Active Duty Status; and

WHEREAS, personnel and resources of the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard are required and critical for this EMAC response;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statutes §§ 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12(3),(4), do hereby:

1. Declare the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria to be a natural disaster causing indirect impacts on the State of Wisconsin; and
2. Proclaim the State of Wisconsin to be in a State of Emergency, and the territory of the United States Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have requested and will be requesting assistance from the State of Wisconsin under the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and
3. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs in responding to this situation; and
4. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist in responding to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact in providing rescue and relief to those affected states; and

5. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this Order in emergency status; and



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

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-third day of October in the year two thousand seventeen.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor