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EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2021-7

Declaration of State of Emergency

Beginning on June 25, 2021, Southeast Michigan experienced heavy rainfall, which resulted in widespread flooding, power outages, flooded roadways, stranded motorists, flooding of homes, and displaced residents. The National Weather Service forecasts heavy rain and strong winds over the weekend across southern Michigan. Due to these conditions, additional actions are necessary to protect public health, safety, and property.

Local officials in Wayne County have taken several actions to cope with the impacts of the incident, including but not limited to, activating the disaster or emergency response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plans, issuing emergency public information, and providing relief and support to flood-stranded individuals. The assistance of voluntary organizations and the state are required to protect public health, safety, and property, and to lessen or avert the threat of more severe and persisting impacts to the community. State assistance and other outside resources are necessary to effectively respond to, and recover from, the impacts of flooding.

Section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the governor. Under the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.403(4), "[t]he governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of emergency if he or she finds that an emergency has occurred or that the threat of an emergency exists.

Therefore, acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, including the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, I order the following:

- 1. A state of emergency is declared for the county of Wayne. Additional jurisdictions may be added as needed and conditions change.
- 2. The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts and may call upon all state

- departments to use available resources to assist in the designated area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.
- 3. The state of emergency is terminated at such time as the threats to public health, safety, and property caused by the emergency no longer exist, and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this emergency, but in no case later than July 24, unless extended as provided by the Emergency Management Act.

Date: June 26, 2021	Mutolen Whitin
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	By the Governor
	SECRETARY OF STATE