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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**No. 2021-8**

### **Declaration of State of Emergency**

On June 26, 2021, I issued Executive Order 2021-7 declaring a state of emergency in Wayne county due to heavy rainfall resulting in widespread flooding, power outages, flooded roadways, stranded motorists, flooding of homes, and displaced residents. This event has also caused widespread flooding in Washtenaw county and tornadoes in Huron and Ionia counties resulting in injuries, displaced residents, power outages, and damage to homes, farms, roadways, and other private and public infrastructure.

In response, the counties of Washtenaw, Huron and Ionia declared local states of emergency and activated disaster response and recovery operations. Despite these measures, local resources are insufficient to cope with the situation. State assistance and other outside resources are necessary to effectively respond to, and recover from, the impacts of this emergency. The assistance of voluntary organizations and the state are required to protect public health, safety, and property, and to lessen or avert more severe and lasting harm to the community.

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 find it reasonable and necessary to amend and expand Executive Order 2021-7, and order the following:

1. In addition to the county of Wayne, a state of emergency is also declared for the counties of Washtenaw, Huron, and Ionia.

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, 2021 unless extended as provided by the Emergency Management Act.



Date: July 8, 2021

Time: 7:55 am

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GRETCHEN WHITMER  
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By the Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE