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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2023-9

### Declaration of State of Emergency

On August 25, 2023, I issued Executive Order 2023-7 declaring a state of emergency for the counties of Wayne and Monroe due to storms that brought heavy rain and spawned seven tornadoes in different parts of the state. On August 28, 2023, I issued Executive Order 2023-8 extending the state of emergency to the counties of Eaton, Livingston, and Ingham and to the city of South Lyon (in Oakland County). The same storms also caused widespread damage in the counties of Kent and Ionia resulting in road and bridge closures; downed trees and power lines; damage or flooding to building structures, embankments, and road surfaces; overwhelmed storm water and sewer systems; and/or deposits of silt and debris.

Local officials in the impacted jurisdictions have taken several actions to respond to the situation, including but not limited to, activating the emergency response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plans, issuing emergency public information, and otherwise utilizing local resources to address these conditions. Despite these measures, local resources are insufficient to respond to the storm damage. State assistance is necessary to effectively respond to, and recover from, the impacts of these storms.

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. In addition to the jurisdictions named in EO 2023-7 and 2023-8, a state of emergency is also declared for the counties of Kent 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 utilize available resources to assist in the designated areas 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 September 27th, unless extended as provided by the Emergency Management Act.



Date: August 30, 2023

Time: 8:09 a.m.

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GRETCHEN WHITMER  
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By the Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE