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April 21, 2025

Mr. Keith A. Turi, Acting Associate Administrator  
Office of Response and Recovery  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20472

C/O: Mr. Michael Chesney, Acting Regional Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V  
536 South Clark Street, Sixth Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Mr. Turi:

Under the provisions of 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 206.36(a), I respectfully request an extension until May 29, 2025, to submit a request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Michigan after experiencing impactful winter weather that resulted in extreme and severe ice accumulation that had significant impacts to critical services throughout the northern lower peninsula and eastern upper peninsula. The ice storm, followed by multiple days of high wind, resulted in extensive damage to homes and businesses and the electrical infrastructure and created impassable roads due to downed trees, power lines, and other debris. On March 31, 2025, I declared a state of emergency for ten counties, with the addition of two more severely impacted counties on April 1, 2025.

Local jurisdictions continue to be involved in prolonged response operations due to the severity and widespread nature of the impacts from this event. Most impacted municipalities are still responding to the needs within their communities related to the incident two weeks later. Residents in at least three declared counties remain without power, with restoration efforts increasing in urgency. Local damage assessments have started in some areas but, because of the prolonged response, are not yet completed. Based on early damage assessment data and the overall impacts to a large area of the state, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) has requested Individual Assistance and Public Assistance joint preliminary damage assessments to be completed later this month.

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I am requesting this extension to allow adequate time to complete response activities and adequately assess the impacts and damages. I designated Insp. Michele Sosinski of the MSP/EMHSD as the State Coordinating Officer for potential requests for federal assistance related to this incident. She will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and may provide further information on my behalf. Inspector Sosinski may be contacted at 517-388-6726 or [sosinskim1@michigan.gov](mailto:sosinskim1@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Whitmer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor