



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #215**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency  
in Response to Widespread Flooding**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on September 21, 2016, widespread and continuing severe thunderstorms producing torrential rain, damaging winds, and large hail have caused evacuation of persons, downed trees and power lines, mudslides, and caused flash flooding damaging roads and bridges in the counties of Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, and Vernon amounting to a natural disaster; and


**WHEREAS**, emergency responders from fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services need to respond as a result of this severe weather, including staff from Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Wisconsin National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, additional personnel and resources are needed to expedite the response and recovery operations in the affected area;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10 and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the counties of Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, and Vernon, Wisconsin; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist the above referenced counties as appropriate in this response and recovery effort; and
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist civil authorities for purposes of assisting in response and recovery as well as providing security and other essential services; and
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.

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 second day of September in the year two thousand sixteen.



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SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State