



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #68**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Damaging Winds and Lakeshore Flooding**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on January 10, 2020, and continuing into January 12, 2020, damaging winds combined with near-record-high Lake Michigan water levels resulted in significant lakeshore flooding and caused extensive damage in Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties amounting to a natural disaster;

**WHEREAS**, the significant lakeshore flooding and subsequent infrastructure damages necessitated the response of emergency management, public safety, and public works personnel, including staff from Wisconsin Emergency Management;

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Emergency Management is closely monitoring the situation in conjunction with local, county, and state officials;

**WHEREAS**, additional personnel and resources are needed to expedite and enhance the response and recovery operations in the affected areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, 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(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties.
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist the above referenced counties as appropriate in this response and recovery effort.
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Interim Adjutant General deems necessary to assist civil authorities with response and recovery efforts as well as providing security and other essential services.
4. Authorize the Interim Adjutant General to utilize 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 thirty-first day of January in the year of two thousand twenty.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State