



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #286

Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Severe Winter Weather

WHEREAS, a significant winter storm is expected to impact large portions of the State of Wisconsin beginning on March 14, 2026, and continuing through March 16, 2026;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service predicts the potential for record-breaking snowfall amounts of up to 24 inches and winds gusting up to 50 miles per hour;

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions may create blizzard conditions, causing widespread and significant damage throughout the State, including power outages and dangerous travel conditions;

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

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 the Laws of this State, specifically Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin.
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in the response and recovery effort.
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 efforts, as well as providing security and any other essential services.
4. Authorize the 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 fourteenth day of March in the year of two thousand twenty-six.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State