



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #289

Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Flooding and Severe Weather Impacts

WHEREAS, beginning on April 13, 2026, and expected to continue through this week, severe storms and record rainfall amounts caused and are expected to continue to cause flooding, structural damage, evacuations, and power outages throughout the State of Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, multiple fire services, law enforcement, public works, utilities, volunteer organizations, and other emergency response agencies have deployed to assist the public;

WHEREAS, additional personnel and resources from multiple state agencies are needed to expedite the response and recovery operations in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.39(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Governor may order such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as may be necessary to assist with emergency 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 throughout the State of Wisconsin.
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in this 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 fifteenth day of April in the year of two thousand twenty-six.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State