



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LANSING

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY  
LT. GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION  
**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, under the Emergency Management Act, Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, MCL 30.401 to MCL 30.421, the Governor is responsible for coping with dangers to this state or the people of this state presented by a disaster or emergency or threat thereof, and may issue executive orders, proclamations, and directives having the force and effect of law to implement the Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3 of the Emergency Management Act, 1976 Public Act 390, MCL 30.403, the Governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of emergency if the Governor finds that an emergency has occurred or that the threat of an emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2016, a sewer collapse/sinkhole caused widespread and severe damage, and loss of property in Macomb County; and

WHEREAS, the area primarily affected is Macomb County, including the City of Fraser; and

WHEREAS, due to the size and scope of the sewer main repair process, the population it serves, the instability of the ground/potential for the sewer collapse/sinkhole to spread and a currently obstructed sewer flow capacity, an imminent threat exists to cause widespread and severe damage and impact the public health and safety of 11 communities and the Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County; and

WHEREAS, 23 homes have been evacuated in the City of Fraser and, of those 23, three have been condemned at this time; transportation access issues continue with disruptions and closures of local and county roads at the site of the sewer collapse/sinkhole and in neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, from December 24, 2016, to this date the aforementioned jurisdictions have taken a number of actions to cope with the situation, including but not limited to, declaring local states of emergency, activating the response and recovery aspects of the emergency operations plan, and issuing emergency public information; and

WHEREAS, local resources have been insufficient to address the situation and the assistance of voluntary organizations and the state are required to protect public health, safety,

and property, and to lessen or avert the threat of more severe and long lasting impacts to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD D. SNYDER, Governor of the state of Michigan, pursuant to the Constitution of the state of Michigan and the provisions of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the aforementioned county and municipality; and

FURTHER, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts, and may call upon all state departments to utilize resources at their avail to assist in the emergency area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan; and

FURTHER, termination of this emergency will occur at such time as the threats to public health, safety, and property caused by the emergency no longer exist, and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this emergency, but in no case longer than February 3, 2017 unless extended as provided by Act No. 390.


Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 6th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.



RICHARD D. SNYDER  
GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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