



STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY
LT. GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

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 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 disaster if the Governor finds that a disaster has occurred or that the threat of a disaster exists; and

WHEREAS, beginning on April 9, 2013, and continuing to May 3, 2013, severe storms, heavy snowfall, and heavy rains struck numerous counties in central and southern Lower Michigan and the western-half of the Upper Peninsula, resulting in widespread and severe flooding; and

WHEREAS, the areas affected are the cities of Grand Rapids and Ionia, and the counties of Baraga, Barry, Benzie, Genesee, Gogebic, Gratiot, Houghton, Ionia, Kent, Keweenaw, Marquette, Mecosta, Midland, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ontonagon, Osceola, Ottawa, and Saginaw; and

WHEREAS, the flooding has caused widespread and severe damage to hundreds of homes, businesses, and public facilities and infrastructure, and threatened public health and safety due to structural hazards, exposure to potential contaminants, increased emergency vehicle response times caused by roadway and bridge closures, and loss of electric power and utility services; and

WHEREAS, from April 9, 2013, to May 3, 2013, the aforementioned counties and local political subdivisions took a number of actions to cope with the situation, including but not limited to, declaring a local state of emergency,

activating the disaster response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plan, marshaling required resources, and issuing emergency public information; and

WHEREAS, these counties and local political subdivisions have determined that local resources are insufficient to address the situation and state assistance is required to protect public health, safety, and property, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD D. SNYDER, Governor of the state of Michigan, pursuant to the Constitution of the state of Michigan and provisions of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, do hereby proclaim that a state of disaster exists in the aforementioned counties and local political subdivisions.

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 disaster area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan; and

FURTHER, termination of this disaster will occur at such time as the threat or danger to public health, safety, and property caused by the disaster no longer exist and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this disaster, but in no case longer than June 2, 2013, unless extended as provided by Act No. 390.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 7th day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen

Handwritten signature of Richard D. Snyder in cursive script.

RICHARD D. SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Gretchen Johnson in cursive script.

SECRETARY OF STATE