



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

KIRK T. STEUDLE
DIRECTOR

July 28, 2016

Mr. Russell L. Jorgenson, P.E.
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
315 West Allegan Street, Room 201
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Jorgenson:

Subject: Severe Weather in Gogebic County on July 12, 2016

Under provisions of Title 23, U.S.C., Section 125, this is notice of intent by the Michigan Department of Transportation to request emergency relief funds to assist in the cost of repairing damages on Federal-aid highways in Michigan caused by the severe weather, intense rain, straight-line winds, and a tornado in Gogebic County, Michigan, on July 12, 2016.

Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration of Emergency by Governor Snyder of a state of disaster in Michigan on July 15, 2016.

Preliminary estimates of the damages sustained to the Federal-aid highways will be forwarded within a few days when assembled.

Gogebic County, with assistance from the Michigan National Guard, proceeded expeditiously to maintain traffic at all locations within the county and to repair those sections sufficiently to allow residents access and to protect facilities from further damage.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Eileen Phifer, Administrator of MDOT Safety and Security Administration by phone (517-373-1898) or electronically (PhiferE@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

 Mark Van Port Fleet, P.E.
Chief Operations Officer

Enclosure



STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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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, on July 12, 2016, severe weather, intense rain, straight-line winds, and a tornado struck Gogebic County, Michigan, causing significant destruction and has impacted access to emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the area primarily affected is Gogebic County, including Ironwood Township, the City of Wakefield, Bessemer Township, and Erwin Township; and

WHEREAS, the storm caused widespread and severe damage to roads, bridges, culverts, and other public facilities and infrastructure, causing an immediate threat to public health and safety and disrupting vital community services; and

WHEREAS, from July 12, 2016, to this date, the aforementioned jurisdiction has taken 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, 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;

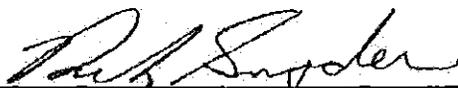
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD D. SNYDER, Governor of the state of Michigan, pursuant to the Constitution of the state of Michigan and provisions of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, do hereby proclaim that a state of disaster exists in the aforementioned county and municipalities; and

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 disaster area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan; and

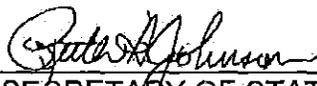
FURTHER, termination of this disaster will occur at such time as the threats to public health, safety, and property caused by the disaster no longer exist and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this disaster, but in no case longer than August 12th, 2016, unless extended as provided by Act No. 390.

Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the state of Michigan this
15th day of July in the Year of Our Lord,
Two Thousand Sixteen.




RICHARD D. SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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ON 7/15/16 AT 4:06 pm