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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2019-08

### Declaration of State of Emergency

Beginning on March 14, 2019, Newaygo County experienced heavy rainfall and significant snowmelt, which resulted in widespread flooding, damaged homes, displaced residents, and washed out roadways. Due to these conditions, additional actions are necessary to protect public health, safety, and property.

On March 15, 2019, the chief executive official of the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners declared a local state of emergency. Newaygo County has taken several actions to cope with the impacts of the incident, including but not limited to, declaring a local state of emergency, activating the disaster or emergency response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plan, issuing emergency public information, and providing relief and supplies to flood-stranded individuals. 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 persisting impacts to the community. Local resources are insufficient to respond to the extreme flooding under the current conditions. State assistance and other outside resources are necessary to effectively respond to, and recover from, the impacts of flooding.

Section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the governor. Under the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.403(4), “[t]he governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of emergency if he or she finds that an emergency has occurred or that the threat of an emergency exists.”

Therefore, acting pursuant to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, including the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, I order the following:

1. A state of emergency is declared for the county of Newaygo.
2. 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 available resources to assist in the designated area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.

3. The state of emergency is terminated 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 later than April 16, 2019, unless extended as provided by the Emergency Management Act.

Date: March 19, 2019

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By the Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE