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EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2023-7

Declaration of State of Emergency

Beginning on August 24, 2023, areas in lower Michigan experienced several stormfronts that brought heavy rain and spawned tornadoes. As a result of the flooding, wind, and other storm impact, the counties of Wayne and Monroe have experienced road and bridge closures; downed trees and power lines; damage to building structures, embankments, and road surfaces; overwhelmed storm water and sewer systems; flooding of residential structures; and deposits of silt and debris. The tornadoes have additionally caused damage to homes and injury to people.

Local officials in the impacted counties have taken several actions to respond to the situation, including but not limited to activating the emergency response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plans, issuing emergency public information, and otherwise utilizing local resources to address these conditions. Despite these measures, local resources are insufficient to respond to the widespread flooding and related damages. State assistance is necessary to effectively respond to, and recover from, the impacts of this 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 under 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 counties of Wayne and Monroe.

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 September 22, unless extended as provided by the Emergency Management Act.

Date: August 25, 2023

Time: 12:22pm

GRETCHEN WHITMER
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By the Governor

SECRETARY OF STATE

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