



Executive Department

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Declaration of a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is subject to a variety of hazards or

disasters, including an impending emergency as defined in

Section 14-101(c)(1) of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland

Code:

WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Emergency

Management Agency that, as a result of the impending impact of

Hurricane Florence moving into the Mid-Atlantic, and the associated intense and powerful winds, severe rains, flooding, and other significant hazards, there is a need for special

preparedness and response for which State resources may be

requested;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Florence continues to move toward the East Coast of

the United States:

WHEREAS, Action is needed to protect the lives and property of Maryland

citizens expected to be impacted by the effects of Hurricane

Florence:

WHEREAS, Transportation, water utility, and other critical infrastructure may

be negatively affected by power outages, wind damage, and

flooding;

WHEREAS, State and local government agencies may require additional

resources and support to implement protective actions and meet the public safety and welfare needs of Maryland citizens that could be affected by the storm and related winds, flooding, and

power outages;

WHEREAS, Maryland citizens may require direct assistance in repairing

damaged homes and businesses;

WHEREAS, Certain regulations related to commercial vehicles may need to

be waived:

WHEREAS, Use of the resources of the Maryland National Guard may be

required; and

WHEREAS,

In order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor and facilitate the deployment of needed resources, an executive order is necessary and appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE, AND BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, HEREBY DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE STATE AND THAT PREPARATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR HURRICANE FLORENCE, AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. The Maryland National Guard is hereby called into State service.
- B. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Maryland State Police, and all other appropriate State authorities are hereby authorized to activate their emergency preparedness plans and engage, deploy, use, and coordinate available resources in furtherance of those plans.
- C. Given the uncertain path, severity, and impact on the State of Hurricane Florence, all State employees are to report for work as they would in the ordinary course, unless otherwise directed.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, effective this 10th Day of September, 2018.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.

Governor

ATTEST:

John C. Wobensmith Secretary of State