State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019 and continuing, widespread flooding and flash flooding events began to impact the State of Iowa due to rapid snow melt combined with heavy rains, the result of which is causing dangerous flood conditions across much of the state; and

WHEREAS, this emergency event has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the citizens of Iowa, resulting in water rescues, evacuations and sheltering operations; and

WHEREAS, this emergency event has caused significant adverse impacts to the state's transportation systems, causing closure of many primary and secondary highways, local streets and roads, as well as interstate systems; and

WHEREAS, this emergency event has prompted affected local governments to declare local disaster emergencies because of the widespread flood and flash flood conditions; and

WHEREAS, this emergency event is of such magnitude or severity that local resources and capabilities are quickly becoming overwhelmed and that state assistance and resources will be needed to respond to, and recover from, the effects of this event; and

WHEREAS, reports forwarded to the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management by the emergency management coordinators in the affected counties indicate that state individual assistance pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.20A and 441 Iowa Admin. Code 58.2 (1) is needed to assist certain individuals and families adversely affected by the disaster who cannot be helped by other means of financial assistance and for whom federal assistance under the Stafford Act is either not available or does not adequately meet the needs of the citizens in the disaster area; and

WHEREAS, I hereby urge the governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions that may be affected by this emergency event to prepare and respond as necessary to meet the anticipated needs of this event; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions threaten the public peace, health, and safety of citizens of the State of Iowa and have the potential to damage and destroy public and private property. Because of this, they provide legal justification for the issuance of a Proclamation of a State of Disaster Emergency pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Iowa Constitution Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1), and all other applicable laws, do hereby proclaim a **STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY** throughout the State of Iowa and do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

SECTION ONE. As required by Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1), (10) and 42 U.S.C. § 5170 in cases of Presidential Disaster Declarations, this Proclamation of Disaster Emergency activates the disaster response and recovery aspects of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Iowa Emergency Response Plan and those additional response plans applicable to the counties affected by this disaster and authorizes the use and deployment of all available state resources, supplies, equipment, and materials as are reasonably necessary to assist those citizens located in the disaster affected counties.

SECTION TWO. I authorize the Iowa Department of Human Services under the terms and conditions as allowed by Iowa law to render individual disaster assistance to eligible residents of Butler, Cerro Gordo, Clayton, Hancock, Harrison, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Kossuth, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, O'Brien, Pottawattamie, Sioux, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, Worth, Wright. Iowa Code § 29C.20A and 441 Iowa Admin. Code 58.2 (1).

SECTION THREE. I temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of 11 Iowa Admin. Code § 53.11 (3) prohibiting pay to those State of Iowa employees for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek while present in the State's Emergency Operations Center or otherwise engaged in assigned disaster response missions or other activities. This suspension shall be retroactive to the initial activation of the State's Emergency Operations Center.

SECTION FOUR. I temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 8A, Iowa Code § 313.10, 11 Iowa Admin. Code Chapters 117 and 118, and 641 Iowa Admin. Code Chapter 176, requiring the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Iowa Department of Public Safety, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and other state agencies involved in the response to this disaster emergency to procure goods and services through a competitive selection process. Suspension of these provisions is limited to the duration of this proclamation and is further limited to procurements which are necessary to respond to this disaster emergency. Iowa Code § 29C.6 (6).

SECTION FIVE. This state of disaster emergency shall be effective on March 14, 2019, shall continue for thirty (30) days, and shall expire on April 13, 2019, unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by me. Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED AT DES MOINES, IOWA THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE