



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #244

**Relating to a Declaration of a State of Emergency
in Response to Severe Weather and Flooding**

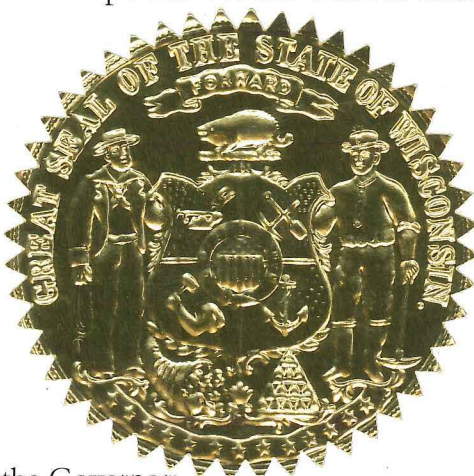
WHEREAS, beginning on May 16, 2017, widespread and continuing thunderstorms producing torrential rain, damaging winds, hail, and tornadoes have caused extensive damage and flooding in the counties of Barron, Jackson, and Rusk amounting to a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, emergency responders from fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services need to respond as a result of this severe weather, including staff from Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Wisconsin National Guard; and

WHEREAS, additional personnel and resources are needed to expedite and enhance the response and recovery operations as well as to pre-position assets due to National Weather Service forecasts of continuing severe weather in the affected areas;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Barron, Jackson, and Rusk Counties, Wisconsin; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist the above referenced counties as appropriate in this response and recovery effort; and
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist civil authorities for purposes of assisting in response and recovery as well as providing security and other essential services; and
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this seventeenth day of May in the year two thousand seventeen.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State