The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2018.09

Declaration of a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is subject to a variety of hazards or disasters including, but not limited to, a severe storm;

WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency there may be a need to take protective actions to protect the lives and property of citizens expected to be impacted by this severe storm;

WHEREAS, Because of the potential impacts of this severe storm on the State of Maryland, to include power outages, damage to infrastructure, and severe flooding, and because we must prepare for all contingencies, an emergency exists in all jurisdictions of the State of Maryland;

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

WHEREAS, An order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor is a prerequisite for potential federal emergency and disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, In order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor, waive certain regulations to facilitate emergency response and restoration activities, activate certain emergency contracts, and facilitate the deployment of requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law, an executive order of the Governor is 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, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. A State of Emergency exists in all Maryland Counties and Baltimore City.

B. I call the Maryland National Guard into state service.

C. I authorize the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and all other appropriate State authorities to engage, deploy, use, and coordinate available resources in support of local jurisdictions and the citizens of Maryland, and activate their emergency preparedness plans.

D. I authorize all Executive Branch Departments and Agencies to take administrative or other actions including, but not limited to, the powers enumerated in §14-107 of the Public Safety Article, including the clearance and removal of debris and wreckage as necessary, in order to protect the public health, welfare, or safety, and to facilitate the safe, rapid, and orderly delivery of resources and critical public safety services by said agencies, local jurisdictions, and private sector providers during the effective period of this order.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, effective this 2nd Day of March, 2018.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State