

**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 3**

**Proclamation of a State of Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, water levels on the Mississippi River and its tributaries are extremely high due to spring snowmelt and recent rains; and

**WHEREAS**, these water levels are already causing flooding of varying degrees in those counties along the River and the potential exists for the flood situation to worsen as the River reaches its crest over the next few days; and

**WHEREAS**, the flood situation could potentially imperil people, damage property and cause disruption to essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, local and county agencies and impacted citizens are taking all necessary precautions to prepare for this potential event, such as sandbagging, pumping and moving property to higher grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Emergency Management is closely monitoring the situation in conjunction with local and county officials and is prepared to provide appropriate State resources should flood conditions worsen and the situation be beyond county and local resources; and


**WHEREAS**, it is prudent to take all necessary steps to be able to expedite the delivery of such State resources should requests be received from the appropriate local and county officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, and specifically by Sections 166.03(1)(b)(1) and 21.11(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

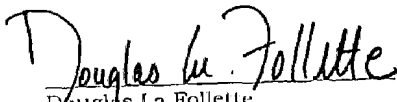
1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in St. Croix, Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo, Trempealeau, LaCrosse, Vernon, Crawford and Grant counties; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to be prepared to assist the above-referenced counties as appropriate in this flood-fighting and flood response effort.



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 sixteenth day of April in the year two thousand and one.

  
Scott McCallum  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
Douglas La Follette  
Secretary of State