

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #291**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency and Calling to Active Duty Elements of the Wisconsin National Guard**

**WHEREAS**, severe weather, including heavy rains, high winds, tornadoes and damage associated with such conditions occurred on or about July 18, 1996 in the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, flooding in Green County caused substantial property damage on or about July 18, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, tornado activity in Fond du Lac County near the Village of Oakfield and in other parts of the county caused substantial property damage on or about July 18, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, these severe weather conditions have created great hardship for the citizens and local governments of the affected counties and resulted in damage to personal and real property and necessitated the emergency response of numerous local agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacted citizens and local governments are in need of available state assistance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and specifically by Section 166.03 (1)(b)(1) and Section 21.11 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

- 1) proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Green and Fond du Lac Counties; and
- 2) call to active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as may be necessary to assist the Sheriff of Fond du Lac County, the Chairperson of the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors and the President of the Village of Oakfield in responding to this State of Emergency; and
- 3) authorize the Adjutant General of Wisconsin or his designee to deploy such personnel and equipment as may be needed in Fond du Lac County; and

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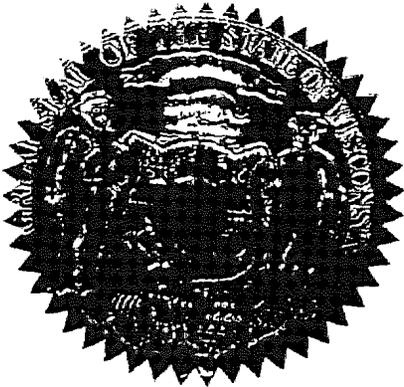
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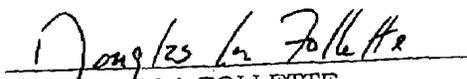
4) direct all agencies of the State of Wisconsin to provide whatever assistance may be necessary and appropriate to address this State of Emergency. Such assistance shall be coordinated by the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management. The Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management shall coordinate its response with appropriate federal agencies, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to determine if federal assistance is available to meet the needs of affected citizens and local governments of the State of Wisconsin.

**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 nineteenth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.



  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State