



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #258**

**Proclamation of a State of Emergency  
Relating to the Inspection of Dams**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on June 7, 2008 widespread and continuing severe thunderstorms producing torrential rain, damaging winds, large hail and tornadoes have caused widespread flooding in the State of Wisconsin amounting to a natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the widespread flooding has caused potential damage to dams, including those located on private property, that may cause substantial damage to persons and property in the State of Wisconsin; and

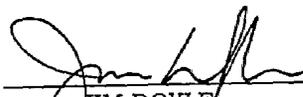
**WHEREAS**, this potential for substantial damage creates a need to inspect dams, including those located on private property, to promote safety and protect life, health and property in the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing for the emergency inspection of dams is deemed necessary for the security of persons and property in the State of Wisconsin;

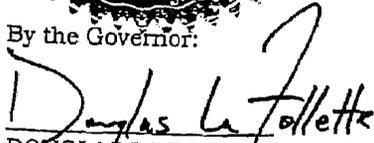
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state of Wisconsin, specifically by Sections 166.03(1)(b)1, and 166.03(1)(b)5, and 31.02(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin with regard to dams, including those located on private property; and
2. Order that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and its agents inspect any dam, including those located on private property, to ensure the security of persons and property. The Department may undertake the inspection without the prior consent of the owner, if necessary.

**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 eleventh day of June in the year two thousand and eight.

  
JIM DOYLE  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

