

The State of Wisconsin



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 306

Relating to a Declaration of a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued a blizzard warning on December 8, 2009, in anticipation of an extremely dangerous winter storm with heavy snowfall and strong winds moving into western Wisconsin during the evening hours of December 8, 2009, and continuing through December 9, 2010;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service warns that dangerous whiteout conditions with near zero visibility will occur, making travel extremely dangerous, and that loss of life may result if proper precautions are not taken;

WHEREAS, the expected blizzard conditions are likely to cause citizens to be stranded on state roadways or otherwise in need of assistance; and

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

WHEREAS, additional personnel and resources are needed to expedite response and recovery operations in the affected areas of the State of Wisconsin;

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

1. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin due to the imminent threat of a disaster; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist in the 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 Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin State Patrol authorities in providing security and other essential services statewide; and
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.

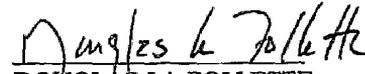


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighth day of December in the year two thousand nine.



JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State