



EXECUTIVE ORDER #12

**Relating to the Closure of State Government Offices to the Public
Due to Extreme Winter Weather Conditions**

WHEREAS, a state of emergency having been declared for areas of the State of Wisconsin for February 1 and 2, 2011, in anticipation of a dangerous winter storm with heavy snowfall and strong winds moving into Wisconsin during the evening hours of February 1, 2011, and continuing into February 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, travel conditions are expected to worsen due to heavy snow, strong winds, and falling temperatures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by Section 230.35(5)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

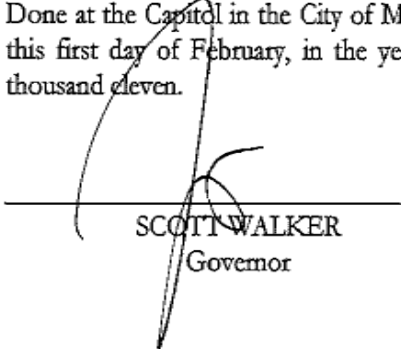
1. Direct and authorize all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin, in Adams, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, and Winnebago Counties, to close state government offices and University of Wisconsin campuses for public business (remaining open to employees subject to 2., below) on February 2, 2011; and
2. Direct and authorize all state agencies to allow employees who request to be excused from work due to the severe weather conditions to use appropriate leave (excluding sick leave) in accordance with applicable rules or collective bargaining agreements, **except** that employees whose job duties include the provision or support of an emergency response, public health, or public safety function, and their absence would compromise delivery of essential public health, public safety, or emergency response functions that are required to continue despite weather conditions may only be released at the discretion of the appointing authority based on operational needs; and
3. Any time off or other deviation from work orders for state employees occasioned by the closure to the public of state offices and work stations shall be handled as required by collective bargaining agreements and the nonrepresented employees' compensation plan.



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

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 first day of February, in the year two thousand eleven.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor