



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #130**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Severe Winter Weather and a Propane Shortage**

**WHEREAS**, an extremely dangerous winter storm with associated bitter and potentially life-threatening temperatures, exacerbated by wind chill values at thirty to fifty degrees below zero, will be moving across the entire State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the supply of propane gas for heating purposes is dangerously low throughout the State of Wisconsin, affecting the safety of citizens and property; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Governor Scott Walker, have issued multiple Executive Orders since October 25, 2013, allowing propane transport drivers to log additional hours in order to transport more propane; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Department of Administration authorized a weight-limit relief order for vehicles transporting energy in the state, in order to increase the amount of propane carried in a single trip; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Administration has been in frequent communication with other Midwestern states, propane industry representatives, and U.S. Department of Energy officials to share information on propane supply; and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of Wisconsin and other Midwestern states, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Midwest regional declaration of emergency on January 19, 2014, extending state emergency declarations for purposes of exempting hours of service requirements for propane and fuel transporters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Administration Division of Energy Services has contacted approximately 23,000 low-income propane customers recommending that they contact their propane vendor when their tank reaches 30% full, to ensure they continue to have heating fuel and provided information on assistance available through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP); and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Emergency Management has contacted local emergency management directors to monitor warming sites and shelter availability; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Governor Scott Walker, issued a public appeal on January 23, 2014 providing Wisconsin citizens with information about the current propane shortage in Wisconsin and asking their help in looking out for residents impacted by the shortage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy Services has established a hotline for citizens affected by the propane shortage, which is 1-866-432-8947; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2014, I directed the Department of Administration Division of Energy Services to release \$1.5 million in additional Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis Benefit dollars to the forty nine (49) counties/tribes who have a high percentage of propane households; and





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**WHEREAS**, the Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund (KWWF) has agreed to temporarily allow an increase in their income limit for propane households from 60% of State Median Income (SMI) to 80% SMI, allow propane households to potentially receive an increased maximum benefit of \$600, and has temporarily adjusted its policy to allow propane households the ability to potentially receive two benefit payments in a year; and

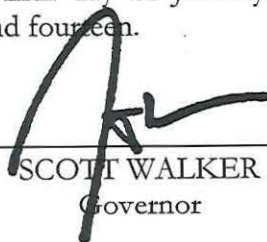
**WHEREAS**, emergency responders from fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services need to respond as a result of this severe weather, in addition to the Department of Administration, Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Department of Health Services, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin National Guard;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of Wisconsin; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in this 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 civil authorities for purposes of assisting in response and recovery efforts as well as provide security and other essential services; and
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to utilize 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 twenty-fifth day of January in the year two thousand fourteen.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State