



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #205**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency  
in Response to Flooding and Incorporating Executive Order  
#202**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on July 11, 2016, widespread severe thunderstorms produced torrential rain, damaging winds, large hail and tornadoes forcing the evacuation of persons, downed trees and power lines, and causing flash flooding damaging roads and bridges in the counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer and Washburn amounting to a natural disaster, along with public damage impacting the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; and

**WHEREAS**, personnel and resources are needed as a result of the severe weather event, including resources from Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin State Patrol Wisconsin, the Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin National Guard, to expedite repair and remediation operations in the affected areas in order to protect the lives, property and welfare of the citizens of Wisconsin;

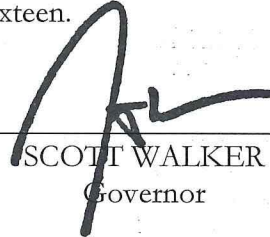
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Incorporate the provisions of Executive Order #202 into this order; and
2. Declare the present flooding condition to be a natural disaster and proclaim the State of Wisconsin to be in a State of Emergency for 60 days unless extended by Joint Resolution of the Legislature; and
3. Direct the Department of Natural Resources for 60 days following signature of this Executive Order, pursuant to section 323.12(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to waive permit fees established in chapter NR 300 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code for emergency flood repair work requiring permits under section 30.12, 30.19 30.20, 30.28 and 30.123 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and direct any other agency to submit any such request in writing to the Office of the Governor for consideration; and
4. Direct the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, the Department of Military Affairs, the Department of Health Services, the Department of Natural Resources, the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Public Service Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Tourism, and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to identify a primary point of contact within their respective agency that shall evaluate the current situation, actively propose and pursue solutions, and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Executive Order; and
5. Direct all relevant state agencies to submit in writing to the Office of the Governor any request for the suspension of administrative rules pursuant to section 323.12(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Executive Order; and

6. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to continue to assist any affected counties as appropriate in repair and remediation efforts.



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 eighteenth day of July in the year two thousand sixteen.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State