



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #228**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to the 2024 Republican National Convention**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is hosting the 2024 Republican National Convention (RNC) from July 15, 2024, through July 18, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Homeland Security may designate an event as a National Special Security Event (NSSE) if it determines, after considering a number of factors, that the event requires greater security operations. Such factors include, in part, whether the event has historical, political or symbolic significance, will generate a large number of attendees or participants, includes national or foreign dignitaries, and/or has the requisite available state and local resources;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Homeland Security has designated the 2024 RNC as an NSSE;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Milwaukee is responsible for the security of areas impacted by the 2024 RNC;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Milwaukee is dedicated to ensuring a safe environment for attendees, participants, dignitaries, and the general public;

**WHEREAS**, due to the large number of additional law enforcement personnel and resources needed for the 2024 RNC, the City of Milwaukee requires the assistance of law enforcement agencies outside of the State of Wisconsin, as well as those within the State, to commit personnel and resources;

**WHEREAS**, host cities of past political conventions have enlisted out-of-state law enforcement agencies to assist with security operations in preparing for and responding to such events;

**WHEREAS**, given the nature of the event, there is the threat of a disaster and a significant security interest is at hand;

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is a party state to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a state-to-state mutual aid agreement adopted in Wisconsin law at Section 323.80 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which allows EMAC to be activated if the Governor declares an emergency. Activation of EMAC will allow the Wisconsin Emergency Management Division (WEM) to secure the additional emergency response personnel and resources that Milwaukee determines are necessary to prepare for and respond to the 2024 RNC, and to address the needs of the City of Milwaukee in developing and implementing a seamless security plan;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Milwaukee has requested that the Governor declare a state of emergency for the purpose of activating EMAC to assist with the RNC;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for law enforcement personnel to have the power of arrest during the period of July 13, 2024, through July 19, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 321.39(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Governor may order such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as may be necessary to assist with emergency response and recovery operations in the affected areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, 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) and 323.10, 323.12 and 323.80(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Milwaukee and surrounding areas;
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate to address the emergency;
3. Grant all law enforcement officers present in this state from July 13, 2024, through July 19, 2024, pursuant to an EMAC agreement between the state and another state or local jurisdiction for the purpose of providing assistance for the 2024, RNC the power of arrest, but only if those officers have arrest power in and have received use of force training required by their home jurisdictions; such officers shall not use their arrest power conferred by this Order to impede the ability of people to peacefully protest or impede the ability of the media to report on such protests;
4. 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 addressing the emergency as well as providing security and other essential services; and
5. Authorize the Adjutant General to utilize personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status. The Wisconsin National Guard may not be used to impede the ability of people to peacefully protest or impede the ability of the media to report on such protests.



**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-ninth day of May in the year of two thousand twenty-four.

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State