

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER # 18**

## Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, water levels on Shell Lake in Washburn County have continued to increase over the past several years and have reached historically high levels of 1224.92 above Mean Sea Level; and

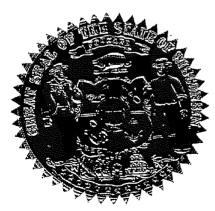
WHEREAS, heavy rains and high winds through the spring of 2003 have continued to occur in Washburn County, specifically in and around the City of Shell Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the rains, winds and high water levels have impacted scores of homes along the lake, including 26 permanent residences and pose a threat to the city's sanitary system; and

**WHEREAS**, additional personnel and resources are needed to expedite emergency response and recovery operations in the affected area;

**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 21.11(1) and 166.03(1)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

- 1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Washburn County in the vicinity of Shell Lake; and
- 2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist the above referenced county and city as appropriate in this response and recovery effort.



By the Governor:

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 6th day of June, 2003.

JIM DOYLE

DOUGLAS LA FOLLET Secretary of State