



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #310

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in
Response to Flooding and Damage to Infrastructure**

WHEREAS, beginning on August 17, 2018, a persistent pattern of severe thunderstorms producing torrential rain caused significant soil erosion and slope failures damaging the infrastructure of Interstate Highway 94 in Jefferson County, Wisconsin, amounting to a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, NOAA climatological data for the Lake Mills area of Jefferson County indicates 3.40 inches of rain fell on August 17, 2018, and another 1.70 inches of rain fell on August 18, 2018, which caused the initial slope failure on Interstate Highway 94. Further, subsequent storms with excessive rainfall occurred between the period of August 29 through September 26, 2018, contributing to further deterioration of the slope and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the affected areas of Interstate Highway 94 have continued to erode, increasing the risk of the shoulder and roadway becoming unstable, which in time will make the roadway unsafe for travel; and

WHEREAS, soil behind the beam guard in these affected areas is substantially eroded away, greatly reducing or eliminating the effectiveness of the beam guard safety device which protects vehicles from traveling down the slopes; and

WHEREAS, additional resources are needed to expedite the recovery operations in the affected area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me in the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by Sections 323.10 and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

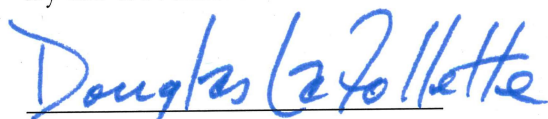
1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Jefferson County, Wisconsin.
2. Direct all State agencies to assist the above referenced county as appropriate in this response and recovery effort.



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 ninth day of October in the year two thousand eighteen.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State