



# The State of Maryland

## Executive Department

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2026.12

#### Declaration of a State of Preparedness - Extreme Heat Event

- WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is subject to a variety of hazards and disasters, including an impending emergency as defined in Section 14-101(c) of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code;
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2023.20, the Governor may declare a State of Preparedness when he determines that there is a significant risk of a public emergency as defined in the Maryland Emergency Management Act, Md. Code, Public Safety Article §14-301;
- WHEREAS The declaration of a State of Preparedness ensures a proactive, collaborative and forward-leaning State response to potential or actual emergencies;
- WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management that there is significant risk for a widespread extreme heat event with potential impacts on critical infrastructure, the electric grid, public health and medical services in all areas of Maryland beginning Wednesday, July 1, 2026 as a result of an impactful subtropical high-pressure system;
- WHEREAS Action is needed to prepare to protect the lives and property of Maryland residents and visitors that may be impacted by the severe weather event;
- WHEREAS Power infrastructure, water utility infrastructure, public health and medical infrastructure, transportation infrastructure and other critical infrastructure may be negatively affected by the impact of the extreme heat event;
- WHEREAS, State and local government agencies may require additional resources and support to implement proactive actions and meet the public safety and welfare needs of Maryland residents who may be negatively impacted by the extreme heat event;

NOW THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE, AND BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, HEREBY DECLARE THAT A STATE OF PREPAREDNESS EXISTS IN THE STATE AND THAT PREPARATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR THE ANTICIPATED SEVERE WEATHER, AND HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management is hereby directed to coordinate the State preparedness and response, in accordance with the State Consequence Management Operations Plan, to the severe weather anticipated to begin on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.
- B. All other appropriate State authorities are hereby authorized to activate their emergency preparedness plans and engage, deploy, use, and coordinate available resources in furtherance of those plans

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, this 30th Day of June 2026.



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Wes Moore  
Governor



ATTEST:



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Susan Lee  
Secretary of State