The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2016.01

Declaration of a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is subject to a variety of hazards or disasters including but not limited to severe storms and significant winter weather with snow and ice accumulations, and other weather related events;

WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency there may be a need to take protective actions to protect the lives and property of citizens being currently impacted by this winter weather;

WHEREAS, Because of the potential impacts of this winter weather on the State of Maryland and preparations for all contingencies, an emergency exists in all jurisdictions of the State of Maryland;

WHEREAS, In order to waive certain regulations to facilitate emergency response and restoration activities, to activate certain emergency contracts, and to facilitate the deployment of requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law;

WHEREAS, Use of resources of the Maryland National Guard may be required;

WHEREAS, An Executive Order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor is a prerequisite for potential federal emergency and disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, In order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor, an Executive Order of the Governor is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN ALL MARYLAND COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY, I CALL THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD INTO STATE SERVICE

AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AUTHORITY, DURING THIS EMERGENCY PERIOD, TO ENGAGE, DEPLOY, AND COORDINATE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, effective this 22nd Day of January, 2016, at 7:00 AM.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State