EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2016.08

Declaration of Emergency in Howard County

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is subject to a variety of hazards or disasters including but not limited to severe storms and significant coastal and riverine flooding as well as flash flooding, and other weather related events;

WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency that there may be a need to take protective actions to protect the lives and property of citizens expected to be impacted by severe weather and flooding;

WHEREAS, Because of the potential impacts of this severe weather and flooding in Howard County including effects on roadways, critical infrastructure, and other critical resources and services and because we must prepare for all contingencies, an emergency exists in Howard County;

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, 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, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. A State of Emergency exists in Howard County.

B. I authorize the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and all other appropriate state authorities to engage, deploy, and coordinate available resources in

support of local jurisdictions and the citizens of Maryland.

Given Under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 31st Day of July 2016.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State