The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2016.10

Executive Order Regarding Tropical Storm Hermine
Declaration of a State of Emergency

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)(1) of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency that as a result of the impending impact of Tropical Storm Hermine and the associated high winds, severe rain, and other significant hazards, there is a need for special preparedness and response for which resources may be requested;

WHEREAS, There remains a need to take actions to protect the lives and property of citizens of certain Maryland counties expected to be impacted by the effects of Tropical Storm Hermine;

WHEREAS, Resources may be requested due to intense and powerful wind, heavy rains, and flooding that may affect the following counties in Maryland: Caroline, Worcester, Somerset, Wicomico, Dorchester, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, Cecil, Calvert, St. Mary's, and Charles;

WHEREAS, Transportation, water utility, and other critical infrastructure may be negatively affected by power outages, wind damage, and flooding;

WHEREAS, State and local government agencies may require additional resources and support in order to implement protective actions and meet the public safety and welfare needs of citizens that could be affected by the storm, heavy winds, flooding, and power outages;

WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland in the designated areas may require direct assistance in repairing damaged homes and businesses and in order to return to their daily lives;

WHEREAS, Certain regulations related to commercial vehicles may need to be waived;

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

WHEREAS, In order to facilitate the deployment of requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law and in order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor, an Executive Order of the Governor is necessary and 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, AND BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS PERTAINING TO THE NEED TO PREPARE FOR TROPICAL STORM HERMINE WITHIN THE FOLLOWING MARYLAND COUNTIES: CAROLINE, WORCESTER, SOMERSET, WICOMICO, DORCHESTER, TALBOT, QUEEN ANNE'S, KENT, CECIL, CALVERT, ST. MARY'S, AND CHARLES.

As a result of the emergency condition, the following measures are enacted:

A. The Maryland National Guard is called into action and State service.

B. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Maryland State Police, and/or any other appropriate State authority, are authorized to engage, deploy and coordinate available resources and activate their emergency preparedness plans for the following Maryland counties: Caroline, Worcester, Somerset, Wicomico, Dorchester, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, Cecil, Calvert, St. Mary's, and Charles.

C. Given the uncertain path, severity and impact of Tropical Storm Hermine, all State employees are to report for work as they would in the ordinary course, unless otherwise directed.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 2nd Day of September, 2016.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State