

STATE OF MARYLAND



# Proclamation

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Declaration of State of Emergency

- WHEREAS, Maryland is still subject to the effects of riots in the District of Columbia on January 6, 2021, and endangered by the reasonable possibility of impending additional riots, tumultuous conduct, commission of unlawful acts including destruction or damage of public or private property, and disturbance of the public peace from January 15, 2021, to January 21, 2021, in response to the upcoming 2021 Presidential Inauguration, which has been declared a National Special Security Event;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Emergency Management Agency has advised there may be a need to take protective actions to protect the lives and property of citizens expected to be impacted by these events;
- WHEREAS, Because of the reasonable apprehension of immediate danger to public safety, and the threat of loss of life, injury, property damage or destruction, and social or economic disruption, Maryland is subject to a public emergency;
- WHEREAS, Because of the potential impacts to Maryland of additional riots in the District of Columbia and in response to the 2021 Presidential Inauguration, and in preparation for all contingencies, an emergency exists in all jurisdictions and areas of Maryland;
- WHEREAS, It may be appropriate to implement the emergency powers of the Governor;
- WHEREAS, To facilitate emergency response and restoration activities, there may be a need to waive certain regulations, activate certain emergency

contracts, and deploy requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law;

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

A declaration of a state of emergency that implements the emergency powers of the Governor is a prerequisite for potential federal emergency and disaster assistance;

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 TITLES 13 AND 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. A state of emergency exists in all Maryland counties and the City of Baltimore.
- B. The Maryland National Guard is called into State service, action, and active duty.
- C. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency and all other appropriate State authorities are authorized to activate their emergency preparedness plans and to gauge, deploy, use, and coordinate available resources in support of local jurisdictions and the citizens of Maryland.
- D. Executive Branch units are authorized during the state of emergency to, as necessary to protect the public health, welfare, or safety, and to facilitate the safe, rapid, and orderly delivery of resources and critical public safety services, take administrative or other actions including, but not limited to, the powers enumerated in Titles 13 and 14 of the Public Safety Article, such as establishing curfews or directing the control of:
  1. Ingress and egress;
  2. The movement of individuals or vehicles;
  3. The occupancy and use of premises, buildings, and vehicles;
  4. Traffic;

5. Places of assembly;
6. The possession, sale, carrying, and use of firearms, other dangerous weapons, and ammunition; and
7. The storage, use, and transportation of explosives or flammable materials or liquids considered to be dangerous to public safety.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor

Attest:

John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State