

STATE OF MARYLAND



Declaration of State of Emergency

- WHEREAS, Maryland is suffering the impacts of severe weather and tidal flooding which started on October 29, 2021, and endangered by the reasonable possibility of impending cascading effects;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM), in consultation with weather experts, risk analysts, and local emergency managers, has advised there may be a need to take protective actions to protect the lives and property of citizens expected to be impacted by predicted tidal and coastal flooding associated with this event;
- 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 by to Maryland in damage caused by this severe weather, and based upon our experiences of the impact incurred from previous similar weather events, and to prepare for all consequences and contingencies, an emergency exists in some 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

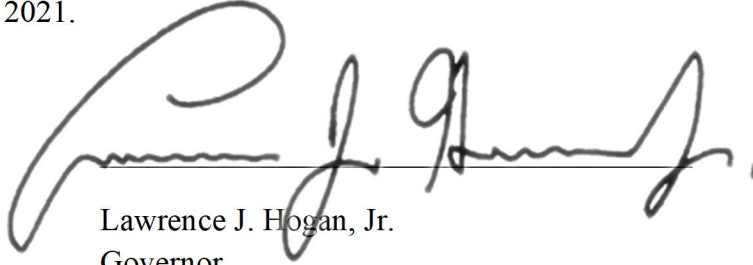
WHEREAS, A declaration of a state of emergency that implements the emergency powers of the Governor is a prerequisite for potential federal emergency and disaster assistance;

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 the City of Baltimore and the following Maryland counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Prince George's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester
- B. The Maryland National Guard is called into State service, action, and active duty.
- C. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management 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 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; and

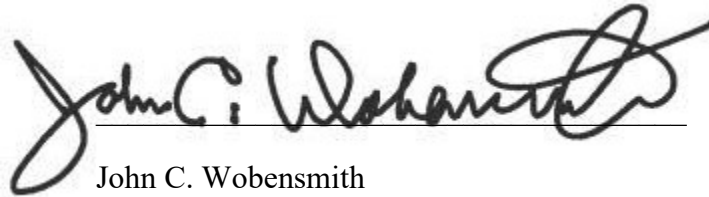
4. Traffic.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 29th day of October, 2021.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Attest:



John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State

