



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2025.12

Declaration of a State of Emergency

- WHEREAS The State of Maryland is subject to a variety of hazards and disasters, including an emergency as defined in Section 14-101(c) of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code;
- WHEREAS Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management that, as a result of the severe weather that impacted Allegany and Garrett Counties on May 13, 2025, which included flash flooding, evacuations, sheltering, and search and rescue operations, actions are needed to support damage assessment and recovery activities;
- WHEREAS, Transportation, utilities, and other critical infrastructure have been severely impacted by the storms including flooding, debris and downed trees;
- WHEREAS, State and local government agencies may require additional resources and support to implement proactive actions and meet the public safety and welfare needs of the residents of Allegany and Garrett County who are negatively affected by the impacts of the severe storms;
- WHEREAS, Allegany and Garrett County residents may require direct assistance in repairing damaged homes and businesses;
- 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 to facilitate the deployment of needed resources, an Executive Order is necessary and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE, AND BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, HEREBY DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES, AND HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management is hereby directed to coordinate the State response and recovery to impacts of severe weather in Allegany and Garrett Counties.
- B. All other appropriate State authorities are hereby authorized to activate their emergency response and recovery plans for Allegany and Garrett Counties, and engage, deploy, use, and coordinate available resources in furtherance of those plans.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 15th Day of May 2025.



Wes Moore
Governor



ATTEST:



Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State