



# STATE of MINNESOTA

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Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

## Emergency Executive Order 25-03

### Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Providing National Guard Assistance in Response to a Severe Winter Storm

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following executive order:

Starting late on March 4, 2025, a powerful winter storm with heavy snowfall and strong winds created blizzard conditions in Minnesota, closing roads and threatening public safety. These dangerous driving conditions resulted in stranded vehicles, placing lives and property at risk. The resources of affected local and county governments are inadequate to meet the demands caused by these severe winter weather conditions.

Late last night, the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Minnesota National Guard. Based on my verbal order, the Minnesota National Guard activated to provide assistance in response to the severe weather and to rescue stranded motorists.

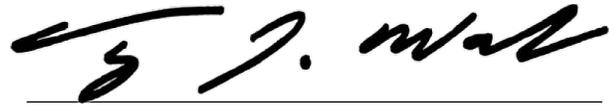
For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 12.31, and order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty the personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources needed to provide assistance throughout Minnesota.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency are effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 4.035, subdivision 2. The peacetime emergency declared in this Executive Order expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 12.31, subdivision 2. The remainder of this Executive Order, including the activation of the Minnesota National Guard, remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the winter storm subside or March 9, 2025, whichever occurs first.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on March 5, 2025.



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**Tim Walz, GOVERNOR**

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**Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE**



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