



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2012.12

Declaration of Emergency

- WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is subject to a variety of hazards and disasters including but not limited to severe thunderstorms, heat waves, and other weather-related events;
- WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency that as a result of severe thunderstorms that affected the entire State on June 29 and June 30, 2012, an emergency exists in all counties and Annapolis City, Baltimore City, and Ocean City and that resources may be requested due to the intense and powerful wind and severe weather storms affecting the State of Maryland including widespread power outages and excessive heat;
- WHEREAS, Over eight-hundred and forty thousand (840,000) Maryland citizens are without power;
- WHEREAS, Power restoration is not expected for up to seven (7) days;
- WHEREAS, Additional powerful storms are expected in the next twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36) hours;
- WHEREAS, Transportation, water utility, and other critical infrastructure is being negatively affected by said power outages;
- WHEREAS, Maryland residents have been subject to extreme heat, including temperatures above ninety degrees and heat index measures as high as one-hundred (100) degrees or more;
- WHEREAS, Extreme heat has required the opening of over seventy four cooling stations across the State;
- WHEREAS, There is an urgent need to waive certain regulations related to commercial vehicles, to facilitate the deployment of resources, and to carry out other necessary acts in response;
- WHEREAS, Use of resources of the Maryland National Guard may be required;

WHEREAS,

In order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor, an executive order of the Governor is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, 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 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND. I CALL THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD INTO STATE SERVICE AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AUTHORITY, DURING THIS EMERGENCY PERIOD, TO ENGAGE, DEPLOY AND COORDINATE AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 30th day of June, 2012.



Martin O'Malley
Governor

Attest:



John P. McDonough
Secretary of State