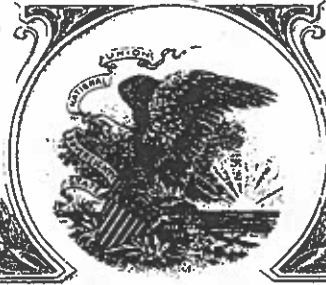


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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE

GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, beginning in March 2026 and continuing through the months of April, May, and June, the State of Illinois has experienced record-breaking weather patterns of severe storms generating tornadoes, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, hail, and straight-line winds and causing widespread damage and destruction; and,

WHEREAS, in 2026, the State of Illinois has led the nation in tornadoes with an approximate 173 tornadoes thus far verified by the National Weather Service; and,

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2026, a storm produced an EF-3 tornado, damaging winds, record size hail, and torrential rainfall across a large portion of Kankakee County resulting in one fatality and millions of dollars in property damage. Kankakee County declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2026, and extended the declaration on April 14, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, on April 14 and again on April 17, 2026, Stephenson County experienced severe storms. These storms produced an EF-1 tornado in the Village of Pearl City and an EF-2 tornado in the Village of Lena. Stephenson County proclaimed a disaster emergency on April 19, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2026, Winnebago County experienced a line of severe storms resulting in tornadoes in the Village of Pecatonica (EF-U), the community of Harrison (EF-1), and the Village of Roscoe (EF-1); and,

WHEREAS, between April 17 and April 18, 2026, McLean County suffered from a series of severe storms, with initial assessment indicating 7 possible tornadoes across the county in multiple locations with some areas experiencing extreme winds upwards of 100 MPH. McLean County declared a local disaster on April 18, 2026, as did the Cities of Bloomington, Normal, and Lexington; and,

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2026, multiple rounds of thunderstorms impacted Cook County including a derecho with wind gusts reaching 80-85 MPH, knocking out power to nearly 300,000 customers and causing tornadoes in Village of Bartlett (EF-1), City of Palos Heights (EF-0), and Village of Alsip (EF-0); and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2026, an EF-3 tornado struck the City of Streator in LaSalle County, resulting in destruction of homes and infrastructure. On June 12, 2026, LaSalle County proclaimed a disaster emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2026, an EF-3 tornado with maximum winds of 155 MPH impacted the Village of Washburn for which Woodford County proclaimed disaster on June 12, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2026, the severe storms produced an EF-2 tornado in Coles County that struck the City of Charleston and other areas of the county. The tornado caused widespread and extensive property damage and personal injuries. The City of Charleston, Village of Ashmore, and Coles County made proclamations of disaster on June 17th and June 18th, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2026, Effingham County declared a disaster due to the impacts of severe weather, including an EF-3 tornado resulting in significant damage; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Monmouth in Warren County experienced substantial damage to property and infrastructure on June 17, 2026, when an EF-1 tornado with 100 MPH winds struck the city. The City of Monmouth proclaimed a disaster on June 19, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2026, severe storms producing an EF-3 tornado impacted Jefferson County resulting in two fatalities; and,

WHEREAS, emergency measures and resources have been required across Illinois and in particular in the Counties of Kankakee, Winnebago, Cook, McLean, Stephenson, LaSalle, Woodford, Coles, Effingham, Warren, and Jefferson to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the affected communities; and, these communities continue recovering from these devastating tornadoes and severe storms and will do so for the foreseeable future; and,

WHEREAS, local resources and capabilities in the affected counties and communities have been exhausted, and State resources are needed to assist in responding to and recovering from the effects of these storms, including protecting public health and safety and lessening or averting the threats of more severe and lasting harm; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions provide legal justification under section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to the executive authority vested in me by the Illinois Constitution and laws, hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois and specifically declare each of these counties a disaster area: Coles, Cook, Effingham, Jefferson, Kankakee, LaSalle, McLean, Stephenson, Warren, Winnebago and Woodford.

Section 2: The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) is directed to continue implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan and coordinate State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

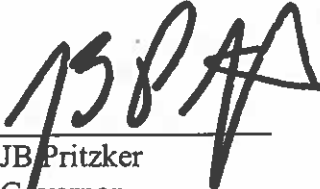
Section 3: The Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity are directed to assist local governments with response and recovery efforts as appropriate. All other State agencies are directed to collaborate with IEMA-OHS to identify and enable capabilities for disaster response and recovery activities.

Section 4: To aid with emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code, Joint Purchasing Act, and State Property Control Act that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law.

Section 5: To aid with disposal of debris caused by these severe storms, including but not limited to the use of incineration devices, all statutory and regulatory provisions that require permitting or licensing that in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law.

Section 6: This proclamation can facilitate requests for federal and State disaster assistance as identified by the State agencies. To aid with recovery efforts, provisions of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) and regulations promulgated thereunder that in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster, are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law.

Section 7: This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.



JB Pritzker
Governor

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