



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LANSING

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY  
LT. GOVERNOR

## PROCLAMATION

### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, under the Emergency Management Act, Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, the Governor is responsible for coping with dangers to this state or the people of this state presented by a disaster or emergency or threat thereof, and may issue executive orders and proclamations, having the force and effect of law to implement the Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3 of the Emergency Management Act, 1976 Public Act 390, MCL 30.403, the Governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of emergency if the Governor finds that an emergency has occurred or that the threat of an emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2014 the City of Flint, Michigan switched from the Detroit water system to the Flint River as a water source, the harmful effects of untreated water struck the city's water infrastructure, causing leaching of lead into the water which caused damage to the water system and potential negative health impacts to the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the area affected includes parts of the City of Flint, within the County of Genesee; and

WHEREAS, the damaged water infrastructure and leaching of lead into the city's water caused damage to public and private water infrastructure, and has either caused or threatened to cause elevated blood lead levels, especially in the population of children and pregnant women, and causing a potential immediate threat to public health and safety and disrupting vital community services; and

WHEREAS, from October 1, 2015 to this date, the County of Genesee and the City of Flint have taken a number of actions to cope with the situation, including but not limited to, switching back to the Detroit water system on October 16th, declaring local states of emergency, activating the emergency response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plan, marshaling

and distributing required resources on a city-wide level, and issuing emergency public information and bulletins; and

WHEREAS, local resources have been insufficient to address the situation, and additional assistance from voluntary organizations and the state is required to protect public health, safety, and property, and to lessen or avert the threat of more severe and long lasting impacts to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD D. SNYDER, Governor of the state of Michigan, pursuant to the Constitution of the state of Michigan and provisions of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the aforementioned county and municipality; and

FURTHER, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts, and may call upon all state departments to utilize resources at their avail to assist in the emergency area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan; and

FURTHER, termination of this emergency will occur at such time as the threats to public health, safety, and property caused by the emergency no longer exist and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this emergency, but in no case longer than February 1, 2016, unless extended as provided by Act No. 390.

Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of Michigan this  
5th day of January in the Year of Our  
Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.



RICHARD D. SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

ON 1/5/16 AT 4:00pm