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**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**No. 2019-04**

**Declaration of State of Emergency**

This past week several parts of Michigan have experienced severe winter weather. These events caused widespread and extended power outages, hazardous driving conditions, and localized flooding, causing an immediate threat to public health and safety due to exposure to freezing temperatures, structural hazards, exposure to potential contaminants, and increased emergency vehicle response times due to road hazards and inaccessible roadways and bridges.

Beginning on February 7, 2019, the City of Grand Rapids in Kent County has taken several actions to cope with the situation, including but not limited to: declaring a local state of emergency; activating the disaster response and recovery aspects for their emergency operations plans; evacuating and providing shelter to affected residents; and issuing emergency public information.


Local resources have been insufficient to address the situation and the assistance of voluntary organizations and the state are required to protect public health, safety, and property, and to lessen or avert the threat of more severe and persisting impacts to the community.

Under the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.403(4), "[t]he governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of emergency if he or she finds that an emergency has occurred or that the threat of an emergency exists." Therefore, acting pursuant to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, including the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, I order the following:

1. A state of emergency is declared for the City of Grand Rapids.
2. 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 available resources to assist in the designated area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.

3. The state of emergency is terminated 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 later than March 9, 2019, unless extended as provided by 1976 Public Act 390, as amended.

Date: February 9, 2019



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By the Governor



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