



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-04

WHEREAS, central North Dakota has experienced greater than average precipitation amounts in the month of June and into July, leading to a series of flood-related damages to gravel and paved roadways; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service measured rainfall totaling 6 to 9 inches from June 2 to July 17 at various reporting sites across central North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, recorded rainfall amounts totaled 125% to 150% of normal rainfall in Stutsman County, making it the 15th wettest June on record (1895-2024) and the wettest June since 2014; and

WHEREAS, severe summer weather produced damages which significantly impacted transportation lifelines, generating over \$30 million in potential repairs at 13 sites; and

WHEREAS, the Stutsman County Commission issued an emergency declaration due to high winds, torrential rain, localized hail and straight-line winds that damaged fields, homes, agricultural and commercial buildings, county, township and city roads and other public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this damage threatens the health, well-being and public safety of the citizens who depend on these public facilities and infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, as Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority vested under Article V, Section 1, North Dakota Constitution and Chapter 37-17.1, North Dakota Century Code, hereby declares a summer storm disaster for central North Dakota. All State agencies and administrators shall maintain response and recovery resources and capabilities at high levels in order to execute their responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP). State agencies shall coordinate with appropriate federal agencies to make recovery programs available to alleviate hardships; implement recovery actions and future mitigation measures to limit the hardships and impact of this disaster; and facilitate restoration of services and infrastructure.

This order is issued pursuant to the following authority and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and,
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and,
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all State departments is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state.

This order is in effect immediately and shall remain in effect until August 31, 2024, or until it is rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 31st day of July 2024.



Doug Burgum
Governor

Attest: ✓



Michael Howe
Secretary of State

Deputy