



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-09

WHEREAS, North Dakota experienced rare amounts and accumulations of precipitation which resulted in significant impacts across the entirety of the state and particularly overwhelmed capabilities in the southeastern portion of the state; and,

WHEREAS, snow began the evening of November 9, 2022, with bands of heavy snow falling across the south-central portion of the state while the southeast portion of the state experienced warmer temperatures which created significant amounts of freezing rain, with reports of a quarter inch of ice accumulation before precipitation ended on November 11, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, snow amounts affected transportation and ice accumulations broke tree limbs, snapped power poles and downed power lines, leaving thousands of people without power; and,

WHEREAS, Rural Electrical Cooperatives (RECs) were overwhelmed with emergency activities, activating mutual aid agreements and pre-qualified contractors to aid in system repairs to hundreds of downed power lines and poles; and,

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Department of Transportation, North Dakota Highway Patrol, local and tribal law enforcement and public works departments closed roadways due to dangerous conditions and snow accumulations; and,

WHEREAS, local capabilities were overwhelmed resulting in the closure of schools, businesses, government offices and surface transportation with roadway clearing and recovery lasting for days; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State to assist North Dakota, responding to and mitigating the effects of weather emergencies, disasters and other hardships citizens may encounter.

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 statewide winter storm disaster for central and southeast North Dakota.

All State agencies and administrators shall maintain 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

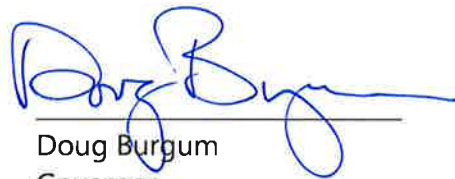
mitigation measures to limit the hardships and impact of this disaster; and facilitate restoration of services and infrastructure.

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 January 31, 2023, or until it is rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 9th day of December 2022.

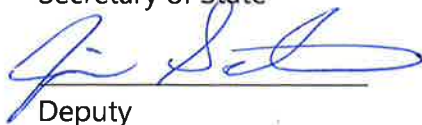


Doug Burgum
Governor

Attest:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State



Deputy