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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

**Executive Order 2009-09**

**WHEREAS**, I have declared a statewide flood emergency because of excessive fall rains and severe winter and spring storms; and

**WHEREAS**, community members and local governments are coordinating and assisting flood-fight efforts with State and Federal authorities; which include construction, preservation and maintenance of dikes and levees necessary to protect life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red River has reached record levels in Fargo and surrounding communities, which is threatening the homes and safety of many North Dakota people.

**WHEREAS**, based upon these factors, actions are necessary to address threats to public health and safety, reduce economic hardships, and continue response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

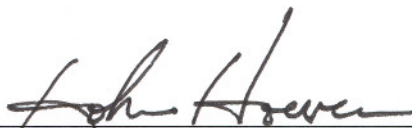
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Hoeven, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution and North Dakota Century Code § 37-17.1, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in North Dakota that requires relief from North Dakota Century Code chapter 12.1-30 pertaining to Sunday closing laws, otherwise known as "Blue Laws."

This order is issued on the foregoing bases and on the following conditions:

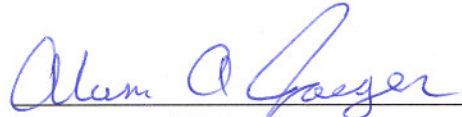
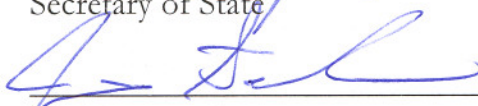
1. Nothing in this order shall be construed to suspend N.D.C.C. § 34-06-05.1 allowing an employee at least one period of twenty-four consecutive hours of time off for rest or worship in each seven-day period.
2. Businesses not selling or renting items related to flood-fighting activities should remain closed.

This order shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until 12:01 p.m. CDT March 29, 2009, or for the duration of the emergency, whichever is less.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 27 day of March 2009.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of State  
  
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Deputy