

Whereas, commencing on the 2nd day of May and continuing due to forecasted storms, a series of strong storms moved across Nebraska including severe thunderstorms, strong winds, tornados and heavy rains. The storms caused damages to private and public property and infrastructure. Numerous communities are isolated by the flooding and citizens are being evacuated due to flooding.

Whereas, the actions necessary to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and damages present a burden on counties and citizens of Nebraska.

Now, Therefore, under the provisions of R.R.S. 81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Pete Ricketts, as Governor of the State of Nebraska do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the storm affected or impacted areas in the State of Nebraska.

I hereby direct the Nebraska Adjutant General, who also serves as State Disaster Coordinator, to activate appropriate State emergency plans and to take such steps as he deems necessary to meet this emergency, and to continue these actions until such time as the threat to life and property created by this situation has been alleviated.

I further direct or request, State and appropriate Federal agencies to cooperate with and support the Adjutant General of Nebraska upon his request, as may be appropriate and lawful.

I hereby authorize, the Adjutant General of Nebraska to activate such elements of State Government and Emergency Management resources as are appropriate to deal with this emergency and to expend such funds, within the limitations of availability, from the Governor's Emergency Fund to support these actions.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this the 7th day of May 2015.

Done at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, this Seventh Day of May 2015 in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Pete Ricketts Governor State of Nebraska

ATTEST: A Yaco A. Gale retary of State