STATE OF MINNESOTA
Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 20-13

Authorizing National Guard Assistance to COVID-19 Response

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

The COVID-19 pandemic presents an unprecedented challenge to our State. Minnesota has taken proactive steps to ensure that we are ahead of the curve on COVID-19 prevention and response. On March 6, 2020 we activated the State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate our response to this pandemic. On March 13, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-01 and declared a peacetime emergency because this pandemic, an act of nature, threatens the lives of Minnesotans, and local resources are inadequate to address the threat. In Executive Order 20-01, I directed the Minnesota National Guard to ensure that it be ready to assist as needed during this peacetime emergency.

Ensuring the availability and use of personal protective equipment ("PPE") is essential to our efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Minnesota's hospitals, healthcare facilities, and first responders report that their supplies of PPE are critically low. Additional PPE deliveries from the Strategic National Stockpile have been delayed. The Minnesota Department of Health ("MDH") has requested that all PPE in storage at Camp Ripley be transported to the MDH warehouse in Saint Paul immediately.

The State Emergency Operations Center has requested assistance with planning and coordination to help ensure that Minnesota's healthcare system and providers have adequate supplies of PPE, critical medical equipment, and supplies to care for people suffering from the pandemic. The National Guard logistics planning team has the ability and expertise to provide this assistance.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General will order to state active duty on March 21, 2020, the people, equipment, and facilities needed to provide assistance throughout Minnesota.

2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.

3. The costs of this assistance will be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 192.52.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2. It remains in effect until the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01 is terminated or until it is rescinded by proper authority.

Signed on March 21, 2020.

Tim Walz
Governor

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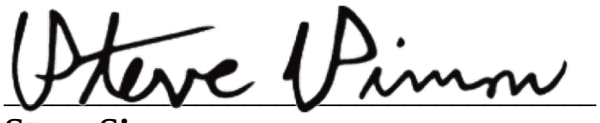

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