The State of Maryland

Executive Department

ORDER
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

CALLING THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD INTO STATE ACTIVE DUTY

WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties;

WHEREAS, The reasonable apprehension of a public health catastrophe necessitates use of the Maryland National Guard to enforce the laws and carry out other important emergency functions;

WHEREAS, The exigencies of the spread of COVID-19 require that the Maryland Guard cooperate with the Department of State Police and local law enforcement authorities; and

WHEREAS, Emergency conditions within Maryland's counties and municipalities cannot be controlled by local law enforcement agencies alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLES 13 AND 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE STATE, DO HEREBY ORDER:

I. The Maryland National Guard shall enter into State active duty to enforce the laws and carry out emergency functions, including providing support to civil authorities.

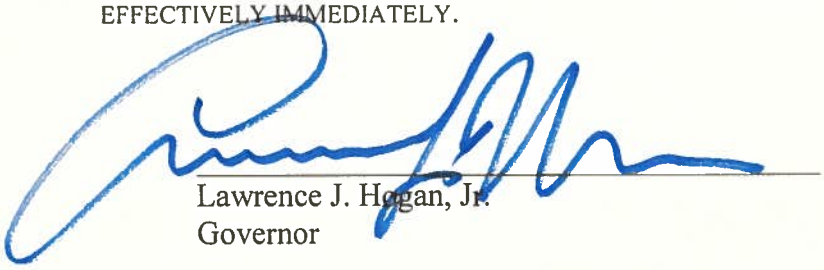
II. The ranking member of the Maryland National Guard, and the ranking member's subordinates, shall support and cooperate with civil authorities, local law enforcement authorities, and the Department of State Police.

III. Each civil authority, law enforcement agency, law enforcement official, fire company, and rescue squad in Maryland, including the Department of State Police, shall cooperate with the Maryland National Guard.

IV. The Maryland National Guard shall remain in State active duty until after termination of the state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded, or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

V. The effect of any statute, rule, or regulation of an agency of the State or a political subdivision inconsistent with this order is hereby suspended.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020, AND EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor