STATE OF MINNESOTA
Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 20-98

Rescinding Emergency Executive Order 20-22

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 continues to present an unprecedented and rapidly evolving challenge to our State. Since I first declared a peacetime emergency in response to this pandemic, my administration has taken proactive measures using the authority granted by the Legislature to the Governor under the Minnesota Emergency Management Act, Minnesota Statutes 2020, Chapter 12. These actions have slowed the spread of the virus and have saved lives. Of course, it is important for us to assess the continued need for existing executive orders.

On March 27, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-22, which authorized the State Auditor to temporarily suspend reporting requirements during the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency. The State Auditor is charged with overseeing the finances of local government units. This oversight occurs through a variety of local government reporting requirements and deadlines mandated in part by Minnesota statutes. In some instances, failure to meet these statutory requirements and deadlines can result in withholding of state aid or other fiscal consequences. It was critical that we supported local governments and gave them flexibility to adjust normal operations in order to allow government staff to focus on urgent demands and needs in their community. Now, although the pandemic continues to strain local government resources, through diligence and dialogue with the State Auditor's Office, most local governments have been able to meet existing statutory deadlines. Additionally, with the 2021 legislative session on the horizon, further needs for statutory adjustments can be addressed by the Legislature. Accordingly, the temporary discretion provided to the State Auditor under Executive Order 20-22 is no longer needed.

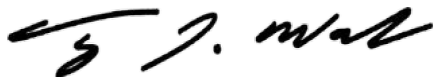
For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. Executive Order 20-22 is rescinded.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and section 12.32, this Executive Order is effective immediately upon approval by the Executive Council.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on November 12, 2020.



Tim Walz
Governor

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