



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MARGARET WOOD HASSAN  
Governor

**BY HER EXCELLENCY**  
**MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-08**

An Order Declaring a State of Emergency Due To Severe Weather

**WHEREAS**, beginning on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, a system of severe weather pattern bringing thunderstorms along with torrential and persistent rains, began moving through New Hampshire, continuing at least through July 3, 2013;

**WHEREAS**, portions of New Hampshire received more than three inches of rain in less than an hour on Tuesday, July 2, 2013;

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has forecasted that the severe weather pattern will continue to persist in the region;

**WHEREAS**, the severe weather system has caused flooding and extensive damage to state and local roads;

**WHEREAS**, hazardous driving conditions and road blockages are predicted throughout the state;

**WHEREAS**, citizens have been evacuated from their homes because of the weather damage and emergency shelters have been opened to provide the emergency services to individuals who have been displaced because of localized flooding;

**WHEREAS**, the severe weather system has caused high river levels and ground saturation, increasing the risk for additional flash flooding as the rain continues;

**WHEREAS**, I have directed Homeland Security and Emergency Management and other state agencies to respond to the storm by activating the Emergency Operations Center, implementing the State's Emergency Operations Plan, monitoring weather and flood conditions, and providing local assistance and planning in response to this severe weather event;

**WHEREAS**, despite these emergency preparations, the storm is anticipated to cause extensive damage in areas of highest rainfall;

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 4:45, I find that a natural disaster of major proportions is occurring within this state, and that the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state require the declaration of a state of emergency as defined in RSA 21-P:35, VIII;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**, by the authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution and New Hampshire RSA 4:45, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in the State of New Hampshire as of 6 a.m.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the emergency management powers under my direction pursuant to RSA 4:47, 21-P:34 *et. seq.*, and the State Emergency Operations Plan.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as possible, this executive order be filed with the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this executive order.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, in the Year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the Unites States of America two hundred and thirty-seven

  
Governor of New Hampshire