

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 53

Proclamation of a State of Emergency

WHEREAS, severe weather including heavy rains, high winds and tornadoes occurred on or about September 2, 2002, in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, tornado activity in Rusk county caused substantial property damage to residential and commercial properties, agriculture, the power distribution system and other elements of the public service infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, these severe weather conditions have created great hardship for the citizens and local governments of the affected counties; and

WHEREAS, additional personnel and resources are needed to expedite emergency recovery operations in Rusk County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and specifically by Sections 21.11 (1) and 166.03 (1)(b) 1 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

- 1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Rusk County; and
- 2. Direct all agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist said county in recovering from this natural disaster; and
- 3. Call to active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assess the damage, and if necessary, expedite emergency recovery operations; and
- 4. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette Secretary of State IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this third day of September in the year two thousand and two.

Scott McCallum Governor