



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #131**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Severe Winter Weather**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on February 20, 2014, an extremely dangerous winter storm with associated heavy snow, freezing rain, ice accumulation, and sleet exacerbated by winds gusting to 40 mph is expected to move across the entire State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, due to this prolonged extreme weather, conditions are expected to worsen throughout the day on February 20, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an ongoing shortage of road salt available to local units of government that will impact their ability to manage snow and ice on public roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Birkebeiner ski race will be held beginning February 20, 2014 in Hayward, WI, bringing over 10,000 participants to an area that could be impacted with up to 12 inches of snow on two-lane rural roads; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been increased tourist traffic to visit the ice caves in Bayfield County, WI, an area that could be impacted with up to 12 inches of snow on two-lane rural roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin State Patrol and the National Weather Service are urging citizens to avoid or delay travel in the areas expected to experience extreme weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency responders from fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services will need to respond as a result of this severe weather, including Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Emergency Management has requested me, pursuant to Section 321.39(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to use the Wisconsin National Guard to the extent necessary to assist with emergency response and recovery operations in the affected portions of the state;

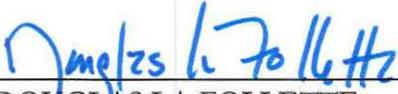
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of Wisconsin; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in the response and recovery effort; and

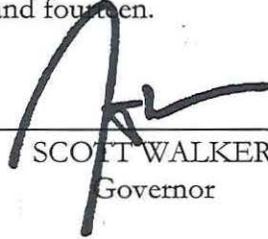
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist civil authorities for purposes of assisting in response and recovery efforts as well as providing security and other essential services; and
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to utilize personnel called to state 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 nineteenth day of February in the year two thousand four ten.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor