



PROCLAMATION
JULY 19, 2017
GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER

Proclamation

WHEREAS, multiple waves of thunderstorms dumped heavy rainfall over northwest Illinois beginning July 19, 2017, culminating with a storm on July 21-22 that produced additional rainfall of four to six inches across the area, with localized amounts approaching eight inches; and,

WHEREAS, the rainfall triggered flash flooding and impacted the Rock and Pecatonica river basins, which is resulting in major flooding along portions of those rivers, with some areas still to crest; and,

WHEREAS, the flooding has caused property damage to residential and commercial properties, resulted in costly emergency protective measures, and compromised public works infrastructure in Carroll, Henry, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson and Whiteside Counties; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the storms, a rehabilitation center and residences were evacuated, water rescues of stranded residents were conducted, and a state park and dozens of roadways were closed; and,

WHEREAS, based on reports received by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, local resources and capabilities have been exhausted and State resources are needed to respond to and recover from the effects of the severe storms; and,

WHEREAS, the State has begun deploying resources such as sandbags, pumps, barricades and personnel to the impacted area; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions provide legal justification under section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois and specifically declare Carroll, Henry, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson and Whiteside Counties as disaster areas.

Section 2. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is directed to continue implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan, as it has been doing since July 20 in this area, and to coordinate State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

Section 3. To aid with emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law.

Section 4: This proclamation can facilitate a request for Federal disaster assistance if a complete and comprehensive assessment of damage indicates that effective recovery is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments.

Section 5: This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,



this TWENTY-FOUR day of JULY, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

SEVENTEEN

_____, and of the State of Illinois,

NINETY-NINTH

one hundred and _____.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR