



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #34**

**Relating to Declaring a State of Emergency and  
Closing State Agency Buildings**

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2019, two fires broke out at electric substations located near the downtown area of the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, prompting area emergency evacuations;

**WHEREAS**, the events in Madison resulted in widespread power outages in the downtown Madison area affecting state and local government agencies, closing businesses, displacing residents, and significantly affecting the ability to work safely;

**WHEREAS**, earlier today, non-essential state employees were evacuated from state buildings affected by power outages, and state employees were asked to avoid the downtown Madison areas to ensure everyone's safety as emergency management personnel worked to control and assess the damage;

**WHEREAS**, while the immediate emergency situation has since been contained, the effects of the event are significantly exacerbated by extreme heat conditions, as the National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat warning for Dane County, Wisconsin with temperatures reaching the mid-90s and heat index values of 105 to 110 degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 321.39(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Governor may order such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as may be necessary to assist with emergency response and recovery operations in the affected areas.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Law, 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 in the City of Madison and Dane County, Wisconsin.
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist the above-referenced City and County in recovering from this disaster.
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 any other essential services.
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to utilize personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.

5. Pursuant to Section 230.35(5)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, direct all state offices and buildings impacted by the power outage closed for the remainder of today, July 19, 2019.
6. Direct employees who would otherwise report to work in buildings impacted by the power outage to leave work or not report to work, unless their job duties include the provision or support of an emergency response, public health, or public safety function, and their absence would compromise delivery of essential public health, public safety, or emergency response functions that are required to continue.
7. Direct the Division of Personnel Management to ensure pay for employees subject to this Executive Order.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this nineteenth Day of July in the year of two thousand nineteen.

Handwritten signature of Tony Evers in black ink.

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TONY EVERS  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Douglas LaFollette in black ink.

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Douglas LaFollette  
Secretary of State