

Whereas, commencing in January 2019 and continuing, severe ice buildup has occurred within the Platte, Loup, and Elkhorn Rivers along with other streams and rivers in the State of Nebraska due to intense winter weather including freezing rain, ice and heavy snows and greatly increased the risk to the state and its population from ice jams and flooding. In addition to these ongoing conditions, current weather predictions indicate a variety of storm conditions across the state over the next few days which, depending on location, will include blizzard conditions with up to two feet of snow, freezing rain, thunderstorms with tornadoes possible, flooding and extremely high winds.

Whereas, the actions necessary to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and subsequent impacts of these events present a burden upon the entire State of Nebraska,

Now, Therefore, under the provisions of R.R.S. 81-829.40, which confers emergency responsibilities and powers upon the Governor, I, Pete Ricketts, as Governor of the State of Nebraska do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the State of Nebraska.

I hereby direct the Nebraska Adjutant General, who also serves as State Disaster Coordinator, to activate appropriate State emergency plans and to take such steps as he deems necessary to meet these emergencies, and to continue these actions until such time as the threat to life and property created by these situations have been alleviated.

I further direct or request, State and appropriate Federal agencies to cooperate with and support the Adjutant General of Nebraska upon his request, as may be appropriate and lawful.

I hereby authorize, the Adjutant General of Nebraska to activate such elements of State Government and Emergency Management resources as are appropriate to deal with this emergency and to expend such funds, within the limitations of availability, from the Governor's Emergency Fund to support these actions.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this the 12th day of March, 2019

Done at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and this twelfth Day in March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand nineteen.

Pete Ricketts Governor State of Nebraska

Robert B. Evnen Secretary of State

