

ST. PAUL—Governor Tim Pawlenty Thursday signed AN Emergency Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in the state of Minnesota due to heavy rainfall which has resulted in flooding in southern Minnesota.

By his executive order, the Governor is activating the National Guard to provide assistance in providing emergency relief services.

The Governor's executive order also directs the Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to activate the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, the provision of on-site support and assistance to the affected local governments, and determine the need for supplementary disaster aid.

HSEM has activated the state emergency operations center to respond to requests for assistance from local government as they fight flooding in their communities.