

State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER FOUR

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019, and continuing thereafter, historic and catastrophic flooding and flash flooding events began to impact the State of Iowa due to record snowfall and rapid snow melt combined with heavy rains that caused dangerous flood conditions across much of the state; and

WHEREAS, this flooding natural disaster has caused severe damage across the state, and particularly along the Missouri River, where more than fifty levees were breached, nearly 250 miles of levees were impacted, nearly 25,000 homes were destroyed or had major damage, and more than 4,200 businesses were impacted; and

WHEREAS, the estimated devastation of this flooding natural disaster is over \$1.6 Billion, including over \$75 million in public assistance, \$480 million in individual assistance, \$300 million in damages to local businesses, over \$200 million in agriculture impacts to livestock, grain, and land, and over \$500 million to both federal and non-federal levees; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by this natural disaster has resulted in the issuance of a Presidential Major Disaster Proclamation on March 23, 2019, in addition to numerous disaster proclamations by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the people of Iowa shall benefit from a centralized coordination effort to guide the efforts to rebuild and recover from this flooding natural disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIM REYNOLDS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, do hereby order the establishment of a Flood Recovery Advisory Board to serve as the central point of coordination of state activities for the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the severe and widespread flooding in Iowa.

SECTION ONE: Purpose and Duties.

- I. The Flood Recovery Advisory Board shall serve as the central point of coordination of state activities for the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the severe and widespread flooding in Iowa. The Advisory Board will strengthen partnerships across federal, state, and local governments and with private and nonprofit organizations to deliver an effective and efficient rebuilding of impacted communities as a result of the flooding natural disaster.
- II. The duties of the Flood Recovery Advisory Board shall include, but are not limited to, advising the Governor on:
 - A. Establishing and implementing short-term priorities for recovery and comprehensive long-term plans for redevelopment for the State of Iowa;
 - B. Identifying federal and state legislative policy needs for the recovery and rebuilding effort;

- C. Coordinating between levels and branches of government to implement the recovery and rebuilding effort;
 - D. Identifying funding sources and innovative funding alternatives for recovery and redevelopment;
 - E. Developing solutions to fill the gaps in existing recovery and redevelopment programs;
 - F. Establishing priorities for the use of funds made available to the State of Iowa as a result of this disaster event, including but not limited to federal funds administered under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended;
 - G. Establishing timelines and benchmarks to measure and report progress in disaster recovery and redevelopment;
 - H. Providing opportunities for the public, businesses, nonprofit organizations, communities, and other stakeholders to provide input into the recovery and rebuilding process; and
 - I. Developing a comprehensive plan for long-term rebuilding to provide guidance to state and local governments.
- III. The Flood Recovery Advisory Board shall also provide oversight and coordination of all working groups established by this Executive Order.

SECTION TWO: Organization and Operation.

- I. **Advisory Board Membership.** The Flood Recovery Advisory Board shall consist of up to fifteen members. The Governor shall serve as a member and the chair of the Advisory Board. The Governor shall appoint up to fourteen additional members, which shall include the chairs of the working groups established by this Executive Order. Each appointed member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation.
- II. **Working Groups.** The Governor shall appoint six working groups charged with assisting the Advisory Board in coordinating a comprehensive recovery and rebuilding effort. The Governor shall appoint a chair and any additional members she deems necessary for each working group. The working group chairs and members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation. The following working groups shall be established:
 - A. Finance
 - B. Economic Development
 - C. Agriculture
 - D. Workforce and Housing
 - E. Flood Management and Infrastructure
 - F. Public Health
- III. **Meetings.** The Flood Recovery Advisory Board shall hold public meetings as scheduled by the chair of the Advisory Board.

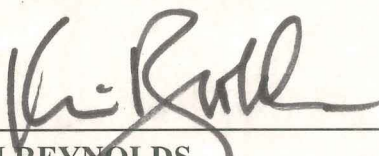
- IV. **Staffing and Support.** Staffing and administrative assistance for the Flood Recovery Advisory Board shall be provided by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and by other agencies, persons, or organizations from time to time as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Advisory Board or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION THREE: *Miscellaneous.*

- I. All departments, agencies, boards, or other political subdivisions of any state and local governments shall cooperate fully with the Flood Recovery Advisory Board. The Advisory Board may seek the expertise and services of individuals and entities outside of its membership for research, advice, and other needs, as necessary or appropriate, to accomplish its mission.
- II. All work of the Flood Recovery Advisory Board shall be done in a manner consistent with the laws and regulations of the State of Iowa, and of the laws and regulations of the United States of America.
- III. This Executive Order shall be interpreted in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. If any provision of this Executive Order is found to be invalid, unenforceable, or otherwise contrary to applicable law, then the remaining provisions of this Executive Order, as applied to any person or circumstance, shall continue in full force and effect and shall not be affected by such finding of invalidity or unenforceability. This Executive Order is not intended to supersede any laws, regulations, or collective bargaining agreements in place as of its effective date.
- IV. This Executive Order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, by any party against the State of Iowa, its departments, agencies, or political subdivisions, or its officers, employees, agents, or any other persons.
- V. The directive in this Executive Order shall apply prospectively only as of its effective date.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF IOWA TO BE
AFFIXED TO THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER.
DONE IN DES MOINES, IOWA THIS 15TH
DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN.



KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE