The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2012.19

Executive Order Regarding Hurricane Sandy

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is subject to a variety of hazards or disasters including but not limited to severe storms, significant winter weather, tropical storm systems, hurricanes, and other weather related events;

WHEREAS, Having been advised and informed by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency that as a result of the impending impact of Hurricane Sandy and associated high winds, severe rain, and other significant hazards, there is a need for special preparedness and response for which resources may be requested;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy is currently a category two hurricane moving towards the east coast of the United States forecasted by the National Hurricane Center to impact the State of Maryland;

WHEREAS, The precise path of Hurricane Sandy remains uncertain, the entire State of Maryland must take steps to prepared for potential destruction and minimize the threat to public safety and the lives of all Marylanders who may find themselves in the path of the storm;

WHEREAS, There is a need to take protective actions to protect the lives an property of citizens expected to be impacted by the potentially disastrous effects of Hurricane Sandy;

WHEREAS, Because of Hurricane Sandy's potential impacts on the State of Maryland and preparations for all contingencies and emergency exists in all counties;

WHEREAS, Resources may be requested due to the intense and powerful wind, heavy rains, flooding, tidal flooding and the severe storms affecting the State of Maryland including widespread wind damage, power outages, coastal and in-land flooding;

WHEREAS,	Transportation, water utility, and other critical infrastructure may be negatively affected by said power outages, wind damage, and flooding;
WHEREAS,	State and Local government agencies will require additional resources and support in order to implement protective actions and meet the public safety and welfare needs of citizens affected by the storm, heavy winds, flooding, and power outages;
WHEREAS,	The citizens of Maryland may require direct assistance in repairing damaged homes and businesses and in order to return to their normal, daily lives;
WHEREAS	The Federal Emergency Management Agency has urged all residents to take steps now to prepare their families and businesses for hurricanes, severe weather, flooding, and other disasters;
WHEREAS,	In order to waive certain regulations related to commercial vehicles;
WHEREAS,	In order to facilitate the deployment of requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law;
WHEREAS,	Use of resources of the Maryland National Guard may be required; and
WHEREAS,	In order to implement the emergency powers of the Governor, an executive order of the Governor is appropriate.
NOW, THEREFORE,	I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN ALL COUNTIES, I CALL THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD INTO STATE SERVICE AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AUTHORITY, DURING THIS EMERGENCY PERIOD, TO ENGAGE, DEPLOY AND COORDINATE AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 26TH day of October, 2012.

Martin O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:

John McDonough
Secretary of State