EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-14

DETERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN OREGON TO FACILITATE ECLIPSE PREPAREDNESS AND READINESS

ORS 401.165 et seq. empowers the Governor to declare a state of emergency upon determining that an emergency is imminent. ORS 402.105 et seq. facilitates the sharing of resources between states when an emergency is declared.

I find that a Total Solar Eclipse occurring on August 21, 2017, is likely to cause a rapid influx of visitors from outside this State and substantial movement of Oregonians from one part of this State to another, within and proximate to the eclipse’s Path of Totality. This unprecedented movement of people through our State could will likely make major roads impassable and could exceed our State’s capacity to handle health and safety emergencies. Because this event is now imminent, I find it is prudent to and therefore do declare a state of emergency pursuant to the above-referenced statutes.

This declaration will enable agencies to request assistance from other jurisdictions to facilitate the life and safety missions the agencies may undertake during the Total Solar Eclipse. This declaration further enables me to authorize state agencies to suspend provisions of any order or rule of the agency if strict compliance with the provisions of the order or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay mitigating the effects of the emergency.

This declaration is intended to enhance and complement, not supplant, Executive Order 17-13.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. Having found that an emergency is imminent, a state of emergency is declared. This declaration covers the entirety of the State of Oregon.

2. The Oregon Office of Emergency Management and the Oregon National Guard shall work with other states where needed to facilitate the utilization of interstate mutual aid and EMAC. The Oregon Office of Emergency Management and the Oregon National Guard shall coordinate as needed with other states to request and receive life and safety resources such as MEDEVAC Helicopter(s) in Oregon to support the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse.

3. The Oregon Health Authority shall immediately exercise its authority to ensure that there are adequate emergency medical services during the Total Solar Eclipse by entering into agreement(s) or contract(s) with any ambulance services within the State or in other states.
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4. State agencies may suspend provisions of any order or rule of the agency if strict compliance with the provisions of the order or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay mitigating the effects of the Total Solar Eclipse.

5. This order shall be in effect until August 24, 2017, and shall thereafter expire, unless terminated sooner by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of August, 2017.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE