EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-61

IMPLEMENTING LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAN TO KEEP THE PEACE, PROTECT FREE SPEECH, AND PREVENT VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND

Voting is currently underway here in Oregon and across the United States, with Election Day coming on November 3, 2020. I encourage all Oregon voters to make their voice heard by voting in the upcoming general election.

With Election Day approaching, law enforcement anticipates that violence and unrest may occur in Portland that exceeds the City’s capacity. Following the 2016 election, Portland experienced multiple nights of rioting. Over the past several years, Portland has been the location of violent clashes between groups with opposing political beliefs. In the last several months, there have been acts of violence such as arson, assault, and even death on Portland’s streets during or following demonstrations. It is imperative that state and local leaders do everything they can during the coming days, to ensure that demonstrations and protests remain peaceful, so Oregonians can exercise their right to vote and peaceably assemble without fear.

Pursuant to ORS 401.165 et seq., I find that there is an imminent risk of civil disturbance this coming week that threatens injury or possible loss of life, and find that the actions described below are necessary to address that imminent threat. A coordinated law enforcement response is necessary; this Executive Order effectuates that response.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

Pursuant to my emergency powers under ORS 401.165, ORS 401.168, ORS 401.175, and ORS 401.188, I hereby order as follows:

1. **Declaring an Emergency**: For the reasons described above, and pursuant to ORS 401.165, I proclaim and declare a state of emergency to address and ensure appropriate coordination of resources to control anticipated civil disturbance in Multnomah County.

2. **Geographic Scope**: The geographic scope of this emergency declaration is the county of Multnomah. This area will be referred to herein as the “law enforcement coordination area.”
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3. **Duration:** This Executive Order is effective from 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020, and expires at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Governor. This period of time will be referred to herein as the “law enforcement coordination period.”

4. **Law Enforcement / Incident Command:**
   
   (a) **Law Enforcement:** Pursuant to ORS 401.168, ORS 401.175(2) and (5), and ORS 401.188, I hereby assume control of local law enforcement (including the Portland Police Bureau, the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office, the Gresham Police Department, and the Port of Portland Police), as necessary, for purposes of responding to the events described above, for the duration of the law enforcement coordination period. Any officers not required to respond to these events, as determined by the incident commanders named in paragraph 4(b) of this Executive Order, remain under local control.

   (b) **Unified Incident Command:** Oregon State Police Superintendent Terri Davie and Multnomah County Sheriff Michael Reese will jointly serve as incident commanders in the law enforcement coordination area for the law enforcement coordination period, and will coordinate a unified incident response, consisting of the Oregon State Police, the local law enforcement listed in paragraph 4(a) of this Executive Order, and other law enforcement agencies in the law enforcement coordination area during the law enforcement coordination period.

5. **Delegation of Additional Authorities:** In addition to other authority vested by law, during the law enforcement coordination period I delegate to incident commanders Superintendent Davie and Sheriff Reese the authority to exercise the following authorities, if they determine it necessary:

   (a) **Road Closures and Restrictions:** Pursuant to my authority under ORS 401.175, the authority to close roads and highways in the law enforcement coordination area, or to limit travel on such roads.

   (b) **Curfew:** Pursuant to my authority under ORS 401.168, the authority to declare a curfew in the law enforcement coordination area.
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(c) **Aid and Assistance:** Pursuant to my authority under ORS 401.175, the authority to require the aid and assistance of any state or other public or quasi-public agencies in the performance of duties and work necessary to the unified incident response in the law enforcement coordination area.

6. **Enforcement:** In addition to other enforcement authorized by law, the directives in this order are enforceable pursuant to ORS 401.990.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 2nd day of November, 2020.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Bev Clarno
SECRETARY OF STATE