

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-04

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LANE COUNTY DUE TO A SEVERE WINTER STORM THAT INCLUDED HIGH WINDS, ICE, FREEZING RAIN, AND EXTREME COLD

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find that a threat to life, safety and property exists due to a severe winter storm that has caused a natural disaster in Lane County.

Beginning Jan. 12, 2024, and continuing, this severe storm has brought cold temperatures, snow, freezing rain, high winds, and ice, resulting in disruptions to mass care and medical services, power and communications outages, infrastructure damage, and transportation disruptions posing a risk to the health and welfare of Oregonians. It is necessary to act to minimize and reduce the risk of harm and loss of life.

The geographic scope of this emergency may increase during this emergency, and the geographic scope of this emergency declaration may be expanded as additional impacts become known and other counties exhaust their ability to provide services and seek assistance pursuant to ORS 401.165.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) shall coordinate access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate or recover from conditions caused by this emergency. ODEM shall coordinate all essential protective measures in support of identified disaster areas to protect lives, property and the environment. All Oregonians are to heed the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Public Utility Commission, and other state agencies are directed to provide any assistance as requested by ODEM that is deemed necessary to assist in the response to this emergency and to provide all necessary support to Lane County response, recovery and mitigation efforts.



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3. This determination of a severe winter weather emergency is limited to Lane County at this time. It is not to be construed as a comprehensive declaration or proclamation of emergency for other purposes. It is limited to the use of state resources and personnel required by the emergency, to request assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance

Compact, if needed, and to allow 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 severe winter weather emergency. Any local government requests for state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management pursuant to ORS Chapter 401.

5. This state of emergency shall exist until 11:59 p.m., January 26, 2024, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 19th day of January, 2024.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "LaVonne Griffin-Valade".

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
SECRETARY OF STATE