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IN THE OFFICE OF  
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## Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2023, severe storms generating heavy rainfall moved through Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Weather Service, these storms produced a range of approximately three to nine inches of precipitation in some areas of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, this precipitation caused substantial flooding in communities located in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding resulted in significant property damage to homes and businesses, caused widespread power outages, impacted roads and transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Proclaimed a Disaster on October 4, 2023 and requested aid from the State, including preliminary damage assessments to facilitate state and federal assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, requests for aid and the results of the preliminary damage assessments made by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security indicate that local resources and capabilities have been exhausted and that State resources are needed to respond to and recover from the effects of the flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions provide legal justification under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby proclaim as follows:

**Section 1:** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois and specifically declare Cook County a disaster area.

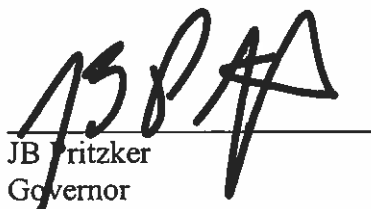
**Section 2.** The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security is directed to continue implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan, as it has been doing since September 17, 2023, and to coordinate State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

**Section 3.** To aid with emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code and the Illinois Joint Purchasing Act that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to

the extent they are not required by federal law. If necessary, and in accordance with Section 7(1) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7(1), the Governor may take appropriate executive action to suspend additional statutes, orders, rules, and regulations.

**Section 4:** This proclamation can facilitate a request for Federal disaster assistance if a complete and comprehensive assessment of damage indicates that effective recovery is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments.

**Section 5:** This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.



JB Pritzker  
Governor

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