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IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has experienced record-breaking weather patterns of severe storms generating tornadoes, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, hail, and straight-line winds that have caused widespread damage and destruction; and,

WHEREAS, in 2026, the State of Illinois has led the nation in tornadoes with an approximate 210 tornadoes thus far verified by the National Weather Service; and,

WHEREAS, these multiple rounds of severe storms, some as recent as mid to late August, have delayed recovery and required continuous activation of emergency measures and resources across Illinois and, in particular, in the Counties of Champaign, Cook, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the affected communities. These communities continue recovering from the devastating tornadoes and severe storms and will do so for the foreseeable future; and,

WHEREAS, local resources and capabilities in the affected counties and communities have been exhausted, and State resources are needed to assist responding to and recovering from the effects of these storms including protecting public health and safety and lessening or averting the threats of more severe and lasting harm; 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, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to the executive authority vested in me by the Illinois Constitution and laws, and in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, 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 continues to exist within the State of Illinois and specifically declare each of these counties a disaster area: Champaign, Cook, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will.

Section 2: IEMA-OHS is directed to continue implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan and coordinate State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

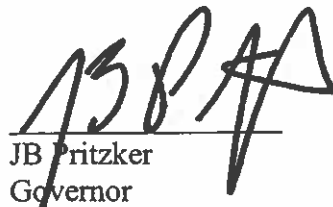
Section 3: The Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall assist local governments with response and recovery efforts as appropriate. All other State agencies are directed to collaborate with IEMA-OHS to identify and enable capabilities for disaster response and recovery activities.

Section 4: 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, Joint Purchasing Act, and State Property Control 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.

Section 5: To aid with disposal of debris caused by these severe storms, including but not limited to the use of incineration devices, all statutory and regulatory provisions that require permitting or licensing that 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.

Section 6: This proclamation can facilitate requests for federal and State disaster assistance as identified by the State agencies. To aid with recovery efforts, provisions of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) and regulations promulgated thereunder that 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.

Section 7: This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.



JB Pritzker
Governor

Date: September 15, 2026