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**SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

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IN THE OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, beginning July 25, 2025, and continuing through July 28, 2025, a line of severe thunderstorms brought sudden and overwhelming heavy rainfall which caused significant flooding in numerous communities in Cook County, including the City of Chicago, and caused widespread damage and destruction to public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning July 26, 2025, and continuing to July 27, 2025, the same storm system caused torrential rain, upwards of 10 inches in some areas, to fall in both Calhoun and Jersey Counties, flooding streets, sewer systems, property, and causing downed powerlines, leaving the streets in these counties impassable and littered with debris; and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding from this storm system caused extensive damage to critical infrastructure and hundreds of residences within Calhoun, Cook, and Jersey Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, both Cook County and the City of Chicago issued a Proclamation of Disaster on August 6, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Jersey County and the City of Jerseyville issued Local Disaster Declarations on July 23, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Calhoun County issued a Local Disaster Declaration on July 31, 2025, and the Board of County Commissioners extended the declaration another 30 days on August 4, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary emergency measures and resources were required in Calhoun, Cook, and Jersey Counties to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the affected communities; and, these communities continue recovering from this devastating flooding 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 this disaster 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, 20 ILCS 3305/7, 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 Calhoun, Cook, and Jersey Counties as disaster areas.

**Section 2.** The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security is directed to continue implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan to coordinate State and federal 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 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 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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