

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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City of Saint Paul Emergency Declaration

Whereas the State of Minnesota has experienced weather conditions placing the entire State at risk for Flooding, including levels of precipitation that are 100 to 125 percent of normal, an unusually high moisture content in the soils and rivers, and

WHEREAS the City of Saint Paul, located within Ramsey County, Minnesota, is currently forecasted by the National Weather Service to attain major flood stage in the City of St. Paul, and

WHEREAS the National Weather Service has issued a forecast indicating that the Mississippi River at Saint Paul has a high probability of exceeding the Flood of Record for the City, and

WHEREAS the Spring Floods of 2011 are expected to cause flooding in the City of Saint Paul, with the likely potential for a significant amount of public and private property damage, and

WHEREAS the Spring Floods of 2011 has placed the population of Saint Paul at risk and threatens critical infrastructure and essential City services, and

Whereas the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this disaster exceed those resources available within the City, and additional resources will be needed from Ramsey County, and state and federal sources;

Now, Therefore, Mayor Christopher B. Coleman of the City of Saint Paul declares, requests, and directs as follows:

- 1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes 12.29, declares that a state of emergency exists within Saint Paul, effective March 14, 2011, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Chapter 12, Minnesota Statute, and Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 13.
- 2. All city departments and offices are directed to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the Department of Emergency Management.

- 3. Requests the Governor of the State of Minnesota to petition the President of the United States to declare the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, to be a major disaster area, through appropriate channels. This request is for any and all applicable support and assistance programs provided by state or federal statute (i.e. P.L. 93-288 as amended by P.L 106.390).
- 4. Directs the Saint Paul Director of Emergency Management to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, the Ramsey County Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the State of Minnesota, as needed.
- 5. Directs the Saint Paul Director of Emergency Management to coordinate the damage survey teams with local governments, and assist in the administration of the disaster recovery process, as needed.
- 6. Requests the City Council convene at its earliest convenience to discuss the situation and this declaration. This state of local emergency may not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the Council of the City of Saint Paul.
- 7. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Dated this 14th day of March 2011 at 1200 hours.

Mayor of the City of Saint Paul