



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-03**

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota experienced multiple rounds of severe thunderstorms during the night of June 7 into June 8 and again on June 9; and,

**WHEREAS**, numerous confirmed tornadoes, destructive straight-line winds approaching 100 mph, and hail up to 3 inches in diameter resulted in significant damage and disruption to communities throughout North Dakota; and,

**WHEREAS**, the prolonged severe weather events of June 7-9, 2026, produced widespread impacts to life safety, property, critical infrastructure, public services, communications systems, agriculture, and community operations, prompting extensive response and recovery activities across multiple jurisdictions; and,

**WHEREAS**, damage assessments documented roofs torn from homes, apartment buildings, garages, barns, shops, and other structures. Agricultural buildings and outbuildings were destroyed, siding was stripped from residences and farm buildings, windows were shattered by wind-driven debris and hail, and numerous properties sustained significant structural damage; and,

**WHEREAS**, extension agents across western North Dakota identified intense straight-line winds as the primary cause of the most significant storm impacts, resulting in widespread damage to buildings, grain bins, trees, and electrical infrastructure. High winds and wind-driven debris also caused localized agricultural impacts, including wind whipping and damage to emerging crops; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the State of North Dakota to assist its citizens in addressing emergencies, disasters, and other hardships.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Kelly Armstrong, as Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority vested under Article V, Section 1, North Dakota Constitution and Chapter 37-17.1, North Dakota Century Code, hereby declares a statewide disaster and activates the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP). All state agencies and administrators shall activate and utilize their response and recovery resources and capabilities pursuant to the SEOP. State agencies shall coordinate with the appropriate federal agencies to make recovery programs available

to assist local and tribal officials, alleviate hardships, facilitate restoration of services and infrastructure, and implement future mitigation measures where applicable.

This order is issued pursuant to the following authority and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and,
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and,
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state agencies is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state.

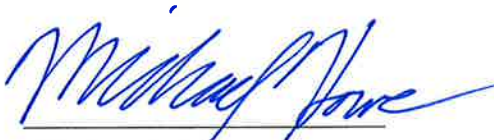
This order is in effect immediately and shall remain in effect until August 20, 2026, or until it is rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 30th day of June 2026.



Kelly Armstrong  
Governor

Attest:



Michael Howe  
Secretary of State

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Deputy