



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-06

WHEREAS, North Dakota has experienced a series of severe summer storms and tornadoes that caused significant impacts and damage to public and private property; and,

WHEREAS, storm warnings were issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Weather Service (NWS) indicating significant impacts would occur across the state; and,

WHEREAS, radar confirmed tornados and wind gusts over 90 mph were reported, damaging rural properties, roads, electrical infrastructure, vehicles and crops and causing extensive tree damage; and,

WHEREAS, wind and debris damage to electrical infrastructure caused widespread power outages to over 16,000 residents; and,

WHEREAS, multiple Rural Electric Cooperatives, Transmission Organizations, and Investor-Owned Utilities worked to perform emergency repairs and restore electricity to all impacted residents; and,

WHEREAS, county and city resources in the affected areas have been significantly strained by the property damage and clean-up efforts caused by these storms.

NOW THEREFORE, Kelly Armstrong, as Governor of the State 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 also 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 departments 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This order is in effect immediately and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2025, or until it is rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, the 2nd day of September 2025.

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Kelly Armstrong
Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Howe", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State

Sandra L McMerty
Deputy Secretary of State