



## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-05

**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**, wind speeds from this series of storms were reported to exceed 100 miles per hour, causing widespread damage to trees, homes, electrical infrastructure, vehicles, and two train derailments; and,

**WHEREAS**, multiple tornadoes were confirmed across the state, damaging numerous rural properties and causing at least three fatalities near the community of Enderlin; and,

**WHEREAS**, wind and debris damage to electrical infrastructure caused widespread power outages to over 37,000 residents; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, whole community partners have mobilized resources through mutual aid requests, including a request for assistance for the American Red Cross in Stutsman County; 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 North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1, 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 in order 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 July 21st, 2025, or until it is rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, the 21st day of June, 2025.



Kelly Armstrong  
Governor

Attest:



Sandra L McMerty  
Deputy Secretary of State