

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR**

**Executive Order 2008-12**

An Order Declaring a State of Emergency Due To Severe Weather and Ice Storm

**WHEREAS**, on December 11-12, 2008, a winter storm brought extreme weather, heavy rains and caused widespread icing and flood conditions throughout the State;

**WHEREAS**, winter storm warnings and coastal flood warnings have been issued throughout the state;

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has forecasted the severe weather to continue throughout the day and to be followed by extremely cold temperatures overnight;

**WHEREAS**, the storm has caused the closure or blockage of major roads throughout the State;

**WHEREAS**, the storm has damaged numerous homes, business and roads;

**WHEREAS**, the storm has caused the widespread disruption of electrical power and communications to over three hundred thousand homes and businesses throughout the state, which has threatened the delivery of critical public services;

**WHEREAS**, communities throughout the State have opened emergency shelters to provide emergency services to displaced individuals;

**WHEREAS**, earlier this week, I directed Homeland Security and Emergency Management and other state agencies to prepare for the potential impacts of the storm by opening the Emergency Operations Center, monitoring weather and flood conditions, and providing local assistance and planning in anticipation of this severe weather event;

**WHEREAS**, despite these emergency preparations, the storm has caused extensive damage throughout the state;

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 4:45, I find that a natural disaster of major proportions has occurred within this state, and that the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state require the declaration of a state of emergency as defined in RSA 21-P:35, VIII;

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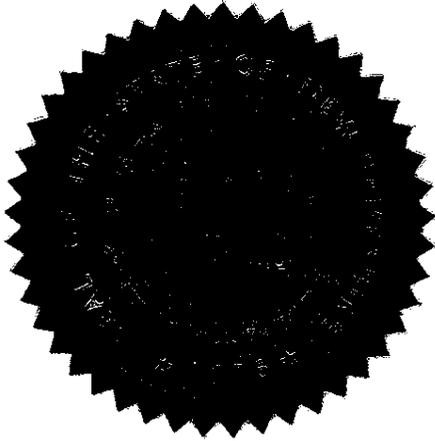
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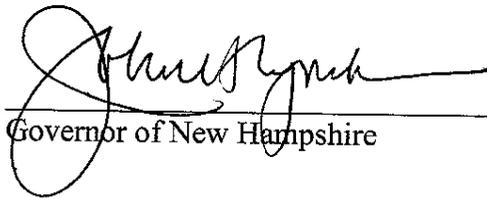
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**, by the authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution and New Hampshire RSA 4:45do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in the State of New Hampshire.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the emergency management powers under my direction pursuant to RSA 4:47, 21-P:34 *et. seq.*, and the State Emergency Operations Plan.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as possible, this executive order be filed with the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this executive order.



Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight.

  
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Governor of New Hampshire