



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2023-029
January 13, 2023

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Beginning on July 26, 2022, a severe weather system generating multiple rounds of heavy torrential rain, creating flooding, flash flooding, mudslides, and landslides impacted the Commonwealth of Kentucky, creating dangerous conditions and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties; and

These conditions endanger public health and safety and public and private property; and

The severe weather system took the lives of 44 Kentuckians and left hundreds of our citizens without their homes and belongings. The flooding caused hundreds of millions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage, leaving mud and debris that must be removed so rebuilding can begin; and

State and local governments share responsibility for the protection of public health, safety, and security, as well as for the protection of public and private property and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services; and

On July 28, 2022, I signed Executive Order 2022-457, declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Kentucky under the Kentucky Constitution and K.R.S. Chapter 39A. The next day, the President of the United States declared that a major disaster exists in the Commonwealth and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts; and

Subsequently, I signed related emergency orders relating to price gouging (Executive Orders 2022-460 and 2022-504), the dispensing of pharmaceuticals (Executive Order 2022-463), unemployment insurance claims and benefits (Executive Order 2022-471), and the suspension of certain statutory fees for duplicate state-issued operator's licenses, instruction permits, personal identification cards, and motor vehicle registrations and certificates of title (Executive Order 2022-473 and 2022-512); and

Under KRS 39A.090(2)(b), the state of emergency declared under Executive Order 2022-457 and subsequent executive orders set forth above may exceed 30 days if requested by a chief executive officer or a legislative body of a local government, only for that local government and only for the period of time requested by the chief executive officer or legislative body; and

On August 26, 2022, At the request of 33 County Judge/Executives, two Mayors of consolidated local governments, and three city Mayors that the state of emergency and certain emergency actions under it be extended until January 15, 2023, I declared by Executive Order 2022-576 that a state of emergency continued in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and extended the following until January 15, 2023: Executive Order 2022-457, Executive Order 2022-460, Executive Order 2022-504, Executive Order 2022-463, Executive Order 2022-471, Executive Order 2022-473, and Executive Order 2022-512; and



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Under KRS 39A.090(2)(b), the state of emergency declared under Executive Order 2021-923 and subsequent executive orders and the emergency administrative regulation set forth above may exceed 30 days if requested by a chief executive officer or a legislative body of a local government only for that local government and only for the period of time requested by the chief executive officer or legislative body; and

Nineteen County Judge/Executives and two Mayors of consolidated local governments have written letters requesting that I extend the state of emergency and certain emergency actions under it, as extended by Executive Order 2022-576, until July 31, 2023. These letters are attached to this executive order and are adopted and incorporated by reference herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency continues to exist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that Executive Order Executive Order 2022-457 and Executive Order 2022-460, as extended through Executive Order 2022-576, be extended until July 31, 2023 in the following local jurisdictions:

Ballard County
Bath County
Breathitt County
Clay County
Floyd County
Franklin County
Hart County
Knott County
LaRue County
Leslie County
Letcher County
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government
Magoffin County
Martin County
Mason County
McCreary County
Menifee County
Nelson County
Nicholas County
Perry County

This order is effective January 16, 2023.



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