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GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts upwards of ten inches of rain has fallen in Worcester and Bristol Counties from a powerful rainstorm on September 11, 2023, causing catastrophic flash flooding, severe property damage, and evacuations;

WHEREAS, the effects of this storm pose an imminent threat to public safety because of widespread flooding, downed trees, power outages, damage to infrastructure including dams, road closures, and severe property damage;

WHEREAS, these effects have required and may continue to require the evacuation of residents;

WHEREAS, further intense rainfall is projected for Massachusetts in the days ahead;

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate the Commonwealth's efforts to protect persons and property from the dangers of the storm and its aftermath, expedite the use of Commonwealth resources, as well as the deployment of federal and interstate resources, if required, and provide necessary assistance in the Commonwealth's emergency response and recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, local communities have declared states of emergency and are requesting resources and support from the Commonwealth's departments and agencies to assist them in dealing with the effects of the storm;

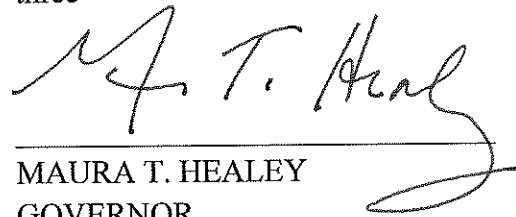
WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will allow the Governor to issue such emergency orders as are necessary to protect the Commonwealth's residents and ensure their health, safety and the security of their property;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to the power provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 do hereby issue this proclamation that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Pursuant to the powers granted to the Governor in Sections Five, Six, Seven, Eight and Eight-A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, as amended, and other provisions of the law, I shall from time to time issue recommendations, directives, and orders as circumstances require.

This proclamation of a STATE OF EMERGENCY is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to my judgment, that the STATE OF EMERGENCY no longer exists.

Given in Arlington at 5:31 PM this 12th
day of September, two thousand and twenty-
three

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. T. Healey", written over a horizontal line.

MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR

Commonwealth of Massachusetts