

# Executive Document

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## **Governor, Administration: Governor's Executive Order: Declaring a State of Emergency in Sanpete County Due to Severe Thunderstorms, Hail, High Winds, and a F2 Tornado**

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, beginning on September 8, 2002, severe thunderstorms, hail, high winds and an F2 Tornado occurred in Manti, Sanpete County, Utah;

WHEREAS, several private residences and businesses were damaged, many severely;

WHEREAS, debris and damage to public infrastructure is extensive, and electrical power service has been disrupted to areas of the city and will remain so for several days;

WHEREAS, the county's search-and-rescue personnel, city and county public works and first-responder employees have been deployed around-the-clock and are severely strained;

WHEREAS, these conditions are creating a continuing threat to public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Manti City and Sanpete County;

WHEREAS, the situation is expected to worsen as additional reports of damage are verified;

WHEREAS, these conditions create a disaster emergency within the intent of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act of 1981;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of Utah by virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution and laws of the State of Utah,

DO HEREBY ORDER THAT: It is found, determined and declared that a "State of Emergency" exists due to the aforesaid conditions in Sanpete County constituting a disaster that requires aid, assistance and relief available pursuant to state statutes and the Disaster Response Plan, which is hereby activated.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah this 9th day of September, 2002.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt,  
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker,  
Lt. Governor

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