

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
2021-5**

Anticipated Civil Unrest

**WHEREAS**, a violent siege of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. took place on January 6, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, that siege resulted in multiples death, numerous bodily injuries, and significant property damage;

**WHEREAS**, sieges of state capitol buildings, including the Utah State Capitol, are being planned;

**WHEREAS**, the planned siege of the Utah State Capitol may result in loss of life, human suffering, and public or private property damage;

**WHEREAS**, these conditions create a state of emergency within the intent of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act found in Title 53, Chapter 2a of the Utah Code;

**WHEREAS**, Utah Code § 53-2a-204(1)(a) authorizes the governor to utilize all available resources of state government as reasonably necessary to cope with a state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Utah Code § 53-2a-204(1)(b) authorizes the governor to employ measures and give direction to state and local officers and agencies that are reasonable and necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with orders made pursuant to the Disaster Response and Recovery Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Spencer J. Cox, Governor of the State of Utah, declare a state of emergency due to the aforesaid circumstances requiring aid, assistance, and relief available from State resources and hereby order:

1. As used in this Order, "capitol hill complex," "capitol hill facilities," and "capitol hill grounds" have the same meaning as provided in Utah Code § 63C-9-102.

2. As determined necessary by the Department of Public Safety, the closure of any part of the capitol hill complex, capitol hill facilities, or capitol hill grounds.

3. Notwithstanding Section 2, the Department of Public Safety shall allow the following individuals to access the capitol hill complex, capitol hill facilities, and capitol hill grounds:

- a. officers and employees of the Utah Executive Branch, the Utah Legislature, and the Utah Judiciary; and
- b. law enforcement and emergency personnel determined necessary by the Department of Public Safety; and
- c. any other individual determined necessary by the Department of Public Safety.

4. As necessary, coordination by the Department of Public Safety with other state agencies, local agencies, and federal agencies.

This Order is effective January 15, 2021, and shall remain in effect through January 21, 2021.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done in Salt Lake City, Utah, on this, the 14th day of January, 2021.

(State Seal)

**Spencer J. Cox  
Governor**

ATTEST:

**Deidre M. Henderson  
Lieutenant Governor**

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