



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
2022-05**

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2022, a State of Emergency exists in Utah due to severe thunderstorms with heavy rain and the impacts from flash flooding in Emery, Grand, and Wayne Counties;

WHEREAS, numerous damaging flood events have impacted multiple counties throughout the state of Utah between August 19th through August 21st, with some communities being flooded multiple times;

WHEREAS, there has been significant damage to homes, businesses, roadways, and other public infrastructure;

WHEREAS, historic drought conditions, record low water levels, low soil moisture, high temperatures, and prolonged dry conditions have contributed to hardened ground surfaces increasing flash flood and debris flow risk;

WHEREAS, storm impacts such as flash flooding and debris flows are a threat to public safety;

WHEREAS, the potential for future and additional flooding in these and surrounding counties still exists;

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate the protection of persons and property from the impacts of the severe storm and expedite the use of state level resources, as well as the deployment of federal and interstate resources, if required;

WHEREAS, many local communities have declared local states of emergency and have requested resources and support from the state of Utah's departments and agencies to assist them in dealing with these flood emergencies;

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will also permit the state of Utah to request and receive mutual aid assistance from other states through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, if required;

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; and,

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.

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. The continued execution of the State Emergency Operations Plan, and assistance from state government to political subdivisions as needed and coordinated by the Department of Public Safety.

THIS ORDER is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 30 days unless the Legislature extends the state of emergency.

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 23rd day of August, 2022.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spencer J. Cox'.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deidre M. Henderson'.

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

ATTEST: