

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### Declaring a State of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest

**WHEREAS**, On May 31, 2020, protests took place in Salt Lake City in response to the death of an individual in police custody in Minneapolis, Minnesota;

**WHEREAS**, some protestors became violent and the civil unrest resulted in bodily injury and destruction of private and public property;

**WHEREAS**, a police car and a private vehicle were overturned by protesters and burned;

**WHEREAS**, some protestors engaged in looting and vandalism of businesses, including the City Creek Center and extensive defacement of the Utah State Capitol building;

**WHEREAS**, some office buildings and stores are closed due to the damage and the threat of further violence;

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement agencies from all over the State of Utah have responded to assist in controlling the violence;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor activated 200 National Guardsmen to assist in ensuring the safety of citizens and prevent further violence and property damage;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of Salt Lake City declared a curfew from June 1, 2020 8:00 p.m. to June 8, 2020 6:00 a.m.;

**WHEREAS**, there exists a possibility of future bodily injury and destruction of property due to civil unrest;

**WHEREAS**, these conditions do 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 Annotated 1953 as amended;

**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, Gary R. Herbert, 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 closure of the Utah State Capitol building and grounds to all individuals other than officers and employees of the Utah Executive Branch, the Utah Legislature, and the Utah Judiciary; and
2. Assistance from state government to political subdivisions as needed and coordinated by the Utah Department of Public Safety, and other state agencies as necessary.

This Order is declared effective immediately and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 6, 2020, unless otherwise lawfully modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded.

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 1st day of June, 2020.

(State Seal)

**Gary R. Herbert**  
Governor

ATTEST:

**Spencer J. Cox**  
Lieutenant Governor

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