

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Declaring a State of Emergency Due to Civil Unrest

WHEREAS, today, July 9, 2020, the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office announced its decision that the police-involved shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal on May 23, 2020, was justified under Utah law;

WHEREAS, in response to the Salt Lake County District Attorney Office's decision, protests are taking place in Salt Lake City;

WHEREAS, recent protests have become violent and the civil unrest has resulted in bodily injury and destruction of private and public property, including extensive defacement of the Utah State Capitol building;

WHEREAS, protests in response to the decision of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office have resulted in civil unrest and threaten to cause bodily injury and destruction of private and public property;

WHEREAS, local law enforcement agencies have responded to assist in controlling the violence;

WHEREAS, these conditions create a "State of Emergency" within the intent of Utah Code Title 53, Chapter 2a, Disaster Response and Recovery Act;

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immediately and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on July 13, 2020, unless otherwise lawfully modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded.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 9th day of July, 2020.

(State Seal)

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

ATTEST:

Spencer J. Cox
Lieutenant Governor

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