

# Executive Document

## Governor's Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency Because of Severe Thunderstorms and a Class F2 Tornado.

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, beginning on August 11, 1999, severe thunderstorms, lightning strikes, hail, and a class F2 tornado occurred in downtown Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah; and

WHEREAS, these events have caused casualties, severe damage to the Delta Center, the Wyndham Hotel, the LDS Hospital, numerous private residences and businesses in and around the downtown area, Capitol Hill, and the Avenues district of Salt Lake City; and

WHEREAS, severe damage has occurred to public infrastructure, power lines are down and excessive debris exists throughout the affected areas of Salt Lake City; and

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the State of Utah by virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution and the 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 severe thunderstorms and tornado in Salt Lake County and such area is declared to be a disaster requiring aid, assistance and relief available pursuant to the provisions of state statutes, and the State Disaster Response Plan, which is hereby activated.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah this 11th day of August, 1999.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor

ATTEST:

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