

Declaration of State of Emergency by Minister (subsection 12(1) of the *Emergency Management Act*)

Emergency area:

A State of Emergency is declared for all of Nova Scotia.

Nature of the emergency:

Historic rainfall amounts and lightning activity within the last 24 hours have created widespread flooding, washouts, loss of power, and damage to properties across the Province. Mandatory evacuations have been ordered in some areas and many roads are closed or impassable. More rain, and thunder and lightning activity is continuing in parts of the Province. This situation has created extreme demands upon resources and personnel. This event requires prompt coordinated action or regulation for a Province-wide response and recovery, and for the protection of property and for the health and safety of persons in Nova Scotia.

After a consultation with a quorum of the Executive Council, I am satisfied that an emergency, as defined in clause 2(b) of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1990, the *Emergency Management Act*, continues to exist or may exist Province-wide.

This State of Emergency declaration by the Province supersedes and replaces any municipal State of Local Emergency declarations made under subsection 12(2) of the *Emergency Management Act* to address the impacts of this storm event.

However, this State of Emergency does not supersede the Provincial State of Emergency declaration on June 1, 2023 for the Pisiqid Lake area in response to the Wildfires, and subsequent renewals or any Minister's Directions made under that State of Emergency for that area of Nova Scotia continue to be in effect.

While under a State of Emergency, I may require any or all of the actions specifically listed under clauses 14(a) to (m) of the *Emergency Management Act*, or anything else I determine is necessary for the protection of property and the health or safety of persons in the Province.

I hereby declare a State of Emergency for all of the Province on and after **4:00 pm on Saturday, July 22, 2023**.

If this Declaration is not renewed or terminated earlier, the State of Emergency remains in effect until 14 days after the date and time it is declared, which is **until 4:00 pm on Sunday, August 5, 2023**.

Dated July 22, 2023, at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Original signed by
Hon. John Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

