

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chair Kevin Leavy
INITIATOR



6/24/2024
DATE SUBMITTED

SPONSOR

****Ratifying the Declared Local State of Emergency**

1 **WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2024, Rock County Administrator Joshua Smith by proclamation declared that
2 a local state of emergency exists in Rock County because of a tornado causing a natural disaster
3 consistent with Section 323.14(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 323.14(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the proclamation is "...subject
6 to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the County Board as soon thereafter as the Board can
7 meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior validity of the
8 proclamation...;" and
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10 **WHEREAS**, proclaiming such a state of emergency has allowed much needed resources to be shared
11 with Rock County and will continue to allow coordination of local, state, and federal resources to protect
12 the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Rock County; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, because of the nature of the emergency conditions, the County Board and its subunits has
15 been unable to meet promptly in order to make such declarations; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, ratification of such proclamation is in the best interests of Rock County, its residents, and
18 other units of local government.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
21 assembled this 27th day of June, 2024, does hereby ratify Proclamation Declaring a Local State of
22 Emergency in Rock County made by the Rock County Administrator on June 22, 2024.
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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors hereby vests Rock County
25 Administrator Smith with the general authority to order, subject to review by the Board of Supervisors,
26 whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and
27 property within Rock County during the declared Local State of Emergency.
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FISCAL NOTE:

Fiscal impact is undetermined at this time.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(b), the County Board must ratify, alter, modify, or repeal a local state of emergency declared by proclamation as soon as the County Board can meet after such proclamation has been made.

Shanna Sanders
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Safety & Justice Committee

Public Safety & Justice Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.

