

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 21-05

Protecting the State Capitol from Potential Civil Unrest

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

Last week, violent protesters attempted an insurrection at the United States Capitol. Incited by the President and enabled by many political leaders, rioters stormed our nation's Capitol and conducted the first siege of that building in over 200 years. In Saint Paul, violent rhetoric echoed from the steps of our own State Capitol. Recent reports of planned armed protests around the country and at our State Capitol must be met with a strong and unequivocal response. We will not condone violence, and we will protect our State Capitol.

The Minnesota State Patrol is responsible for providing security on the State Capitol Complex. The Minnesota National Guard can supplement the State Patrol's efforts to keep the peace, ensure public safety, and allow for peaceful demonstrations. Based upon my earlier verbal orders, the National Guard has already begun preparations for possible civil unrest. In the event of civil unrest at the State Capitol, our response may require activation of the National Guard to state service.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General may order to state active duty the personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to provide public safety services and security assistance to the State Capitol Complex and nearby communities and government properties.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The costs of this assistance will be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 192.52.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, subdivision 2. It remains in effect until such date as National Guard resources are no longer required or January 27, 2021, whichever occurs earlier.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on January 13, 2021.



Tim Walz
Governor

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Secretary of State

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