

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 21-18

#### **Implementing a Temporary Nighttime Curfew in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey Counties**

**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:

On April 11, 2021, Daunte Wright died after being shot by a police officer during a traffic stop in Brooklyn Center. Many Minnesotans met in Brooklyn Center to express their frustrations in a peaceful and constructive manner.

While the majority of demonstrations have been peaceful, some individuals have engaged in unlawful and dangerous activity, including looting and damaging public and private property. These activities threaten the safety of lawful demonstrators, the surrounding communities, and first responders. Many businesses have also suffered damage. The Brooklyn Park Police Department was struck by gunfire, and businesses in nearby Shingle Creek Crossing and Minneapolis were looted and damaged. The dangerous activity that occurred last night is a threat to public safety. These actions do not reflect our values as Minnesotans. To ensure that peaceful demonstrations can continue, we must maintain peace and safety.

Last night, the City of Brooklyn Center declared an emergency, enacted a curfew, and requested assistance from the State. State law enforcement and National Guard resources deployed to Brooklyn Center to provide assistance. Today, the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have declared their own emergencies and enacted their own curfews. In response to the recent civil unrest and unlawful activity in Brooklyn Center, Minneapolis, and surrounding communities, I declared a peacetime emergency in Emergency Executive Order 21-17. In consultation with state law enforcement leaders and the sheriffs of Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties, I have determined that a temporary nighttime curfew is necessary to ensure public safety.

In Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 12.02, the Minnesota Legislature conferred upon the Governor emergency powers to “generally protect the public peace, health, and safety” and to “preserve the lives and property of the people of the state.” Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2020,

section 12.21, subdivision 1, the Governor has general authority to control the state's emergency management and to carry out the provisions of Minnesota's Emergency Management Act.

Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 12.21, subdivision 3(7), authorizes the Governor to cooperate with federal and state agencies in "matters pertaining to the emergency management of the state and nation." This includes "the direction or control of . . . the conduct of persons in the state, including entrance or exit from any stricken or threatened public place, occupancy of facilities, and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians, vehicular traffic, and all forms of private and public transportation during, prior, and subsequent to . . . actual emergencies." This authority also extends to the direction and control of "public meetings or gatherings."

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 12.21, subdivision 3(1), the Governor may "make, amend, and rescind the necessary orders and rules to carry out the provisions" of the Minnesota Emergency Management Act. When approved by the Executive Council and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, such orders and rules have the force and effect of law during the peacetime emergency. Any inconsistent rules or ordinances of any agency or political subdivision of the state are suspended during the pendency of the emergency.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. **Nighttime Curfew.** A curfew is imposed in all public places within Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties during the following times:
  - a. From 7:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2021 until 6:00 am on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
2. **Travel Prohibited.** During the curfew, all persons must not travel on any public street or in any public place.
3. **Exemptions.** All law enforcement, fire, medical personnel, and members of the news media, as well as personnel and members of community groups authorized by local units of government, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota State Patrol, or Minnesota National Guard, are exempt from the curfew. Individuals traveling directly to and from work or religious services, seeking medical care, fleeing dangerous circumstances, or experiencing homelessness are also exempt. *All individuals, whether exempt or not, must comply with lawful orders from law enforcement.*
4. **Definitions.**
  - a. For the purposes of this Executive Order, "travel" includes, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, public transit, or any other mode of transporting a person from one location to another.
  - b. For the purposes of this Executive Order, a "public place" is any place, whether on privately or publicly owned property, accessible to the general

public, including but not limited to public streets and roads, alleys, highways, driveways, sidewalks, parks, vacant lots, and unsupervised property.

5. **Enforcement.** I urge all Minnesotans to voluntarily comply with this Executive Order. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 12.45, an individual who willfully violates this Executive Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and section 12.32, this Executive Order is effective immediately upon approval by the Executive Council. It expires on April 13, 2021 at 6:00 am or until it is rescinded by proper authority.

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 April 12, 2021.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Filed According to Law:



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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

Approved by the Executive Council on April 12, 2021:



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**Alice Roberts-Davis**  
Secretary, Executive Council

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