



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2024-037
January 15, 2024

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Beginning on December 10, 2021, and continuing to December 11, 2021, a powerful severe weather system generating heavy rain, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and strong straight-line winds impacted the Commonwealth of Kentucky, causing flash flooding, loss of power, damage to public infrastructure and private properties; and

These conditions endanger public health and safety and/or public and private property; and

The severe weather system brought the worst tornadoes in Kentucky history, taking the lives of 80 Kentuckians. Thousands of our citizens were left without their homes, their belongings, their businesses, their jobs, and so much more. The tornadoes caused hundreds of millions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage, leaving rubble and debris that must be removed so rebuilding can begin; and

State and local governments share responsibility for protection of public health, safety, and security as well as for the protection of public and private property and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services; and

On December 11, 2021, I signed Executive Order 2021-923, declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Kentucky under the Kentucky Constitution and KRS Chapter 39A. On the same day, President Joseph R. Biden declared an emergency for Kentucky, then declared a disaster area on December 12, 2021; and

During the 2022 Regular Session, the Kentucky General Assembly enacted House Joint Resolution 29, extending Executive Order 2021-923, Executive Order 2021-925, Executive Order 2021-926, Executive Order 2021-936, Executive Order 2021-939, Executive Order 2021-967, Executive Order 2021-969, and 800 KAR 1:020E to April 14, 2022; and

Despite the ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts in western Kentucky communities, the General Assembly declined to extend these emergency actions past April 14, 2022, during its 2022 Regular Session; and

On April 14, 2022, at the request of 52 County Judge/Executives and two Mayors of consolidated local governments, that the state of emergency and certain emergency actions under it be extended until January 15, 2023, I declared by Executive Order 2022-205 that a state of emergency continued to exist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and extended the following through January 15, 2023: Executive Order 2021-923, Executive Order 2021-925, Executive Order 2021-926, Executive Order 2021-936, Executive Order 2021-939, Executive Order 2021-967, Executive Order 2021-969, and 800 KAR 1:020E.

On January 13, 2023, at the request of 10 County Judge/Executives that the state of emergency and certain emergency actions under it be extended until July 15, 2023, I declared by Executive Order 2023-030 that a state of emergency continued to exist in the



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Commonwealth of Kentucky, and extended the following through July 15, 2023: Executive Order 2021-923, Executive Order 2021-925 and 800 KAR 1:020E.

On July 14, 2023, at the request of nine County Judge Executives that the state of emergency and certain emergency actions under it be extended through January 15, 2024, I declared by Executive Order 2023-408 that a state of emergency continued to exist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and extended the following through January 15, 2024: Executive Order 2021-923, Executive Order 2021-925 and 800 KAR 1:020E, as extended through Executive Order 2023-030; and

Under KRS 39A.090(2)(b), the state of emergency declared under Executive Order 2021-923 and subsequent executive orders and the emergency administrative regulation set forth above may exceed 30 days if requested by a chief executive officer or a legislative body of a local government only for that local government and only for the period of time requested by the chief executive officer or legislative body; and

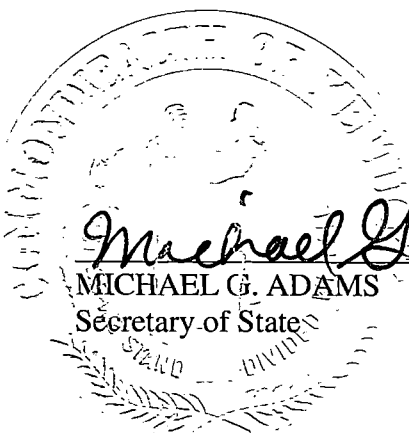
Three County Judge/Executives have written letters requesting that I extend the state of emergency and certain emergency actions under it, as extended by Executive Order 2023-408, through June 30, 2024. These letters are attached to this executive order and are adopted and incorporated by reference herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency continues to exist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that Executive Order 2021-923, Executive Order 2021-925 and 800 KAR 1:020E, as extended through Executive Order 2023-408, be extended through June 30, 2024 in the following local jurisdictions:

Breckinridge County
Graves County
Hart County

This order is effective January 15, 2024.

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky



MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State

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January 10, 2024

Dear Governor Beshear:

Pursuant to KRS 39A.090(2)(b), I request that you extend Executive Order 2021-923 and the state of emergency declared under it, as extend by Executive Order 2023-408, until June 30, 2024. I also request that you extend the following executive order and emergency administrative regulation until June 30, 2024:

Executive Order 2021-925

800 KAR 1:020E.

The extension of these executive orders and the emergency administrative regulation is crucial to all of western Kentucky as we continue to rebuild after the devastating tornadoes of December 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maurice Lucas".

Maurice Lucas
Breckinridge County Judge-Executive

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

GRAVES COUNTY

MAYFIELD, KY 42066

JESSE PERRY, JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

270-247-3626

January 4, 2024

Dear Governor Beshear:

Pursuant to KRS 39A.090(2)(b), I request that you extend Executive Order 2021-923 and the state of emergency declared under it until June 30, 2024. I, also, request that you extend the following executive order and emergency administrative regulation until June 30, 2024:

Executive Order 2021-925 800 KAR 1:020E.

The extension of these executive orders and emergency administrative regulation is crucial to all of Western Kentucky as we continue to rebuild after the devastating tornadoes of December 10, 2021

Sincerely,

Jesse Perry

Graves County Judge Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jesse Perry', written over a horizontal line.



JOE CHOATE
Hart County Judge/Executive

January 10, 2024

Dear Governor Beshear:

Pursuant to KRS 39A.090(2)(b), I request that you extend Executive Order 2021-923 and the state of emergency declared under it, as extend by Executive Order 2023-408, until June 30, 2024. I also request that you extend the following executive order and emergency administrative regulation until June 30, 2024: Executive Order 2021-925 800 KAR 1:020E.

The extension of these executive orders and the emergency administrative regulation is crucial to all of western Kentucky as we continue to rebuild after the devastating tornadoes of December 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Choate", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Choate
Hart County Judge Executive

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