



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2026-092
February 20, 2026

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Beginning on January 24, 2026, and continuing, a severe winter storm containing heavy snow with significant accumulations, freezing rain, ice, sleet, and arctic temperatures impacted the Commonwealth, creating dangerous travel and road conditions, and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties. These conditions endangered public health and safety and/or public and private property. Twenty-five Kentuckians have lost their lives because of this winter storm.

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.

On January 23, 2026, I declared by Executive Order 2026-047 that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On that same day, I signed Executive Order 2026-048 to declare a State of Emergency to implement the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, to prohibit price gouging as to the sale of goods and services related to the January 24, 2026 and continuing, severe weather event, and I renewed implementation of those statutory provisions in Executive Order 2026-076 on February 7, 2026.

On January 24, 2026, President Donald J. Trump approved an Emergency Declaration for all 120 Kentucky counties, EM-3633-KY. On February 6, 2026, I requested the President issue a Major Disaster Area Declaration.

Under KRS 39A.090(2)(b), the state of emergency declared under Executive Order 2026-047 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.

Eight (8) County Judge/Executives and one Mayor of a Consolidated Local Government have written letters requesting that I extend the State of Emergency under Executive Order 2026-047, and the State of Emergency under Executive Order 2026-048, as extended by Executive Order 2026-076, through July 15, 2026. These letters are attached to this executive order and are adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby declare a State of Emergency continues to exist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that Executive Order 2026-047, and Executive Order 2026-048, as extended by Executive Order 2026-076, be extended through July 15, 2026 in the following local jurisdictions:

Barren County
Clay County
Cumberland County
Laurel County

Metcalf County
Monroe County
Pulaski County
Russell County

Lexington Fayette
Urban County
Government



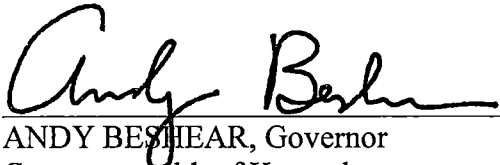
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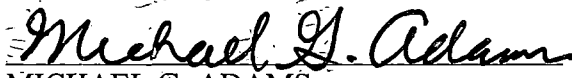
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This Order shall be effective February 23, 2026.


ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky




MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State

RECEIVED AND FILED

DATE February 23, 2026

MICHAEL G. ADAMS

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BY Katherine Ellis



Barren County Judge/Executive

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February 19, 2026

Dear Governor Beshear:

Pursuant to KRS 39A.090(2)(b), I request that you extend Executive Order 2026-047 and the state of emergency declared in that executive order 2026-047 extension Executive Order 2026-076 through July 15, 2026.

The extension of this executive order is crucial to Kentuckians as they continue to recover from this weather event that brought devastating winter storm event beginning on January 24, 2026. Barren County has lots of debris removal and road repairs ahead. Local Electric Co-operatives are still in the process of repairing infrastructure that was temporarily patched to restore electric services.

Sincerely,

Jamie Bewley Byrd

Barren County Judge/Executive



Tommy Harmon
Clay County Judge/Executive

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February 17, 2026

Dear Governor Beshear:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Harmon".

Tommy Harmon

Clay County Judge Executive

Luke King
County Judge/Executive

Cumberland County Fiscal Court
Office of the Judge/Executive

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Burkesville, KY 42717
O: 270-864-3444

February 19, 2026

The Honorable Andy Beshear
Governor of Kentucky
Frankfort, KY 40601

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Sincerely,



Luke T. King
County Judge/Executive,
Cumberland County Fiscal Court



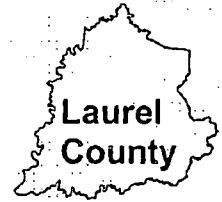
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Westerfield".

David Westerfield

Laurel County Judge Executive

DAVID WESTERFIELD
JUDGE EXECUTIVE

JOHN CRAWFORD
DISTRICT 1

DANNY SMITH
DISTRICT 2

BOBBY OVERBAY
DISTRICT 3

JEFF BOOK
DISTRICT 4

BILLY OAKLEY
DISTRICT 5

RICHARD BALES
DISTRICT 6



METCALFE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Larry Wilson, County Judge/Executive

February 19, 2026

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Sincerely

Larry N. Wilson

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270-487-5505

Mitchell Page
County Judge/Executive

February 19, 2026

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Sincerely

Mitchell Page



Marshall Todd

Pulaski County Judge Executive
mtodd@pcgovt.com

P.O. Box 712
Somerset, Ky 42502

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The extension of these executive orders is crucial to citizens of Pulaski County as they continue to recover from this winter weather event that brought significant snow and ice accumulations and arctic temperatures that damaged public infrastructure, utility distribution systems and private properties.

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

Marshall Todd

Pulaski County Judge Executive



Randy Marcum

Russell County Judge Executive

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Jamestown, KY 42629

February 17, 2026

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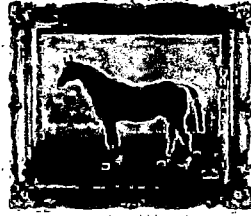
If you have questions please call me at 270/343-2112.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Marcum".

Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive

RM/kb



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Linda Gorton
Mayor

Feb. 19, 2026

The Hon. Gov. Andy Beshear
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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Sincerely,

Linda Gorton
Mayor

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