



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, following heavy rains, severe storms, straight-line winds, flash flooding, and severe river flooding that began on February 6, 2019, and continued through the month of February, which affected significant portions of the State and caused substantial damage and destruction, resulted in loss of life, threatened public safety, and continue to affect the lives and property of Tennesseans, Executive Order No. 7, dated March 7, 2019, declared a state of emergency to suspend certain provisions of laws and rules in order to provide relief to victims; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 7 identified 83 of Tennessee's 95 counties that had reported flooding and severe weather impacts, including Anderson, Bedford, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Cannon, Carroll, Carter, Cheatham, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Coffee, Crockett, Cumberland, Davidson, Decatur, DeKalb, Dickson, Dyer, Fayette, Fentress, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Grainger, Greene, Grundy, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Hawkins, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Humphreys, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lincoln, Loudon, Macon, Marion, Marshall, Maury, McMinn, McNairy, Meigs, Monroe, Moore, Morgan, Obion, Overton, Perry, Polk, Rhea, Roane, Rutherford, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Smith, Stewart, Sullivan, Sumner, Tipton, Trousdale, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Weakley, White, Williamson, and Wilson Counties; and

WHEREAS, when Executive Order No. 7 was issued, the Tennessee Department of Transportation had identified 232 locations in these 83 counties across the State where heavy rain and flooding had resulted in significant slope failures and impacts compromising traffic flow on state and federal highways in Tennessee and anticipated that additional locations and additional counties might be identified once the flood waters receded; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has subsequently identified that the Shelby Road bridge over Royster Creek, which is owned and maintained by the City of Millington in Shelby County, suffered a slope failure that was caused by heavy rain and flooding in February 2019, as described in Executive Order No. 7, and that resulted in significant impacts on locally owned federal-aid-eligible highways; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has also subsequently determined that a landslide occurred on State Route 384 in Tipton County on April 14, 2019 due to excess saturation of the soils resulting from the heavy rain and flooding during February 2019, as described in Executive Order No. 7; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation removed the landslide material from the State Route 384 location in Tipton County on April 14–16, 2019, and intends to perform a permanent repair at that location to prevent further damage to the highway facility; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107, provides that the governor may declare a state of emergency if the governor finds an emergency has occurred; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority and the general emergency management powers of the Governor under law, an emergency declaration is necessary to address the current situation involving significant slope failures and impacts compromising traffic flow on state and federal highways in Tennessee as a result of heavy rain and flooding.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and other applicable law, do hereby declare a state of emergency existed in Shelby and Tipton Counties in Tennessee from February 6, 2019 through April 6, 2019, renewed through April 16, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 17th day of September, 2019.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

