



**EXECUTIVE ORDER #86**

**Relating to Declaring a State of Emergency to Provide Safety and Protection to the People of Kenosha and Other Wisconsin Communities**

**WHEREAS**, following the murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, people across Wisconsin and the United States have marched to demand action, accountability, transparency, equity, and justice for Black lives;

**WHEREAS**, on August 23, 2020, Jacob Blake, a Black man, was shot multiple times in the back by law enforcement in Kenosha, Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," and we must be willing to do the hard work together to stand up to these injustices:

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order #84, calling a Special Session of the Wisconsin Legislature to take long-overdue legislative action to ensure that our state and country live up to our promise of equity and justice;

**WHEREAS**, many Wisconsinites have taken a stand, expressing the justified and shared frustration and anger about systematic injustices by peacefully protesting throughout the state;

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, some individuals have deviated from peaceful protests and engaged in unlawful, harmful, and dangerous activities, including arson, which has endangered the lives of other protestors and bystanders, which cannot be tolerated;

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2020, I called to state active duty elements of the Wisconsin National Guard to support the needs of local first responders to protect critical infrastructure, such as utilities and fire stations, and ensure that Wisconsinites are able to assemble safely, and such support continues to be needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin will continue to support the right of people to peacefully protest and provide assistance to local governments to ensure the safety of the community,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, specifically Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin.

2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to continue to assist as appropriate in responding to this emergency situation.
3. Call to state active duty such additional elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to support local law enforcement, protect critical infrastructure and cultural institutions, and provide support to first responders. The Wisconsin National Guard may not be used to impede the ability of people to peacefully protest or impede the ability of the media to report on demonstrations.



By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-fifth day of August in the year of two thousand twenty.



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TONY EVERS  
Governor