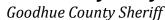
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January 30, 2024

To: The Honorable Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

Scott Arneson, County Administrator

From: Earl Merchlewitz, Emergency Management Director

Regarding: Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency for Flooding beginning March 13, 2023

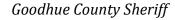
**Background:** Beginning on March 13, 2023, Goodhue County experienced flooding that caused extensive damage to the public infrastructure within Goodhue County.

**Current Situation:** This storm did not qualify for a Presidential Disaster Declaration. In 2014, the Governor signed legislation establishing the state's Disaster Assistance Contingency Account to assist local communities after a natural disaster, *even* when federal aid is not available. For Goodhue County to qualify for the state's Disaster Assistance Program, the dollar amount for damages to public infrastructures is required to be at least \$105,632.02. To date, the estimated dollar amount of damages to local communities and partners is \$162,958.

**Recommendation:** The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office recommends the County Board sign the resolution so we can begin the process of Disaster Assistance for the entities that need it.

### OFFICE OF THE GOODHUE COUNTY SHERIFF

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Governor Tim Walz 130 State Capitol 75 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155 January 30th, 2024

Dear Governor Walz:

Beginning on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Goodhue County was impacted by flooding across a large section of the county. This flooding caused extensive damage to the public infrastructure within Goodhue County.

Goodhue County has declared a local emergency in response to this disaster.

Goodhue County submitted a Damage and Impact Assessment Report to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) which indicated flood-related damages in excess of \$162,958. As a result of our initial damage estimates, Goodhue County requested HSEM to conduct a state Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), which was conducted on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The PDA revealed the flood-related costs and damages to our public infrastructure at \$132,140. This amount exceeded Goodhue County's State Damage indicator.

Goodhue County is requesting state disaster assistance in accordance with Minnesota Statue 12b.30. Goodhue County understands that this is a 75% reimbursement program.

Sincerely,

Scott Arneson Goodhue County Administrator Earl Merchlewitz Goodhue County Emergency Manager

### OFFICE OF THE GOODHUE COUNTY SHERIFF

# **Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency**

Goodhue County and its cities; and
WHEREAS the flooding event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and
WHEREAS the Goodhue County Emergency Management requests the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners to declare Goodhue County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the flooding event starting on March 13th, 2023.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners
declares Goodhue County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the flooding
event starting on March 13th, 2023.
Adopted by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners thisday of, 2023.
ATTEST:
, Scott Arneson, County Administrator, hereby attest that the foregoing resolution was
duly adopted by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners on theday of,
2023.
Todd Greseth, Goodhue County Board Chairman
Scott Arneson, Goodhue County Administrator