



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
2024-01**

Declaring a State of Emergency Due to Flooding

WHEREAS, damaging flood events have recently impacted many communities throughout the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, there has been significant damage to homes and public infrastructure;

WHEREAS, wildfire burn scars and high temperatures have contributed to hardened ground surfaces increasing flash flood and debris flow risk;

WHEREAS, storm impacts such as flash flooding and debris flows are a threat to public safety;

WHEREAS, the potential for future and additional flooding throughout the state still exists;

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate the protection of persons and property from the impacts of flooding and potential flooding and expedite the use of state resources, as well as support requests for federal and interstate resources, if required;

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will also permit the state of Utah to request and receive mutual aid assistance from other states through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, if required;

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 53-2a-204(1)(a) authorizes the governor to utilize all available resources of state government as reasonably necessary to cope with a state of emergency;

WHEREAS, these conditions meet the definition of a state of emergency described in the Disaster Response and Recovery Act, specifically in Utah Code § 53-2a-206(1); and

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 53-2a-206(1) authorizes the governor to declare a state of emergency by executive order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, hereby declare a state of emergency in the state due to the aforesaid circumstances.

THIS ORDER is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 30 days, unless the Legislature extends the state of emergency.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done on this, the 23rd day of August.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer J. Cox".

Spencer J. Cox
Governor, State of Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deidre M. Henderson".

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor, State of Utah