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June 27, 2024

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On June 25, 2024, pursuant to Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I, as Board Chairperson of the County of Muskegon, declared a state of emergency in the County due to two severe storm systems which have caused widespread and severe damage resulting in injuries and loss of property. The response and recovery elements of the Muskegon County Emergency Operations Plan have been activated, and local resources are being fully utilized. Despite these efforts, local resources are insufficient to cope with the situation. Due to these efforts, a significant financial burden has occurred on the county and local government units to resolve the situation.

Therefore, following Section 12 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I deem this incident to be beyond the control of this political subdivision. I respectfully request, for and on behalf of the citizens of this political subdivision, that you declare that a "state of disaster" or "state of emergency" exists therein. That consideration should be given, if conditions warrant, to petition the President of the United States for assistance provided by Public Law 93-288, as amended. In support of this request, we will submit specific damage assessment information through official channels and by the guidance provided by the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police (MSP/EMHSD) within three to seven (3-7) days of this incident, unless circumstances dictate an earlier submittal as requested by the MSP/EMHSD. Furthermore, I understand that this request will not be acted upon without sufficient damage assessment information to substantiate the need for assistance. I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of Muskegon County to provide that information in the manner prescribed by the MSP/EMHSD.

Specifically, I request the following state assistance to supplement local response and recovery efforts: DNR Incident Management Team support, extensive debris removal, repair of all damages related to extreme winds, repair or replacement of damaged equipment, and over-time costs for first responder, public works crews, and other employees involved in cleanup activities, funding assistance related to all noninsured public and private properties, and support through the recovery process.

Accordingly, be advised Renee Gavin, Muskegon County Emergency Manager, will serve as the liaison and coordinate with state and federal authorities for assistance related to this incident, and following Section 14 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, she is directed to transmit this request to the MSP/EMHSD.

Sincerely,

Charles Nash, Chairperson
Muskegon County Board of Commissioners