

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND INVOKING EMERGENCY POWERS IN SALT LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § § 53-2A-205 and 208, the Mayor has the power to declare a state of local emergency for Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.86.030, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, authorizes the Mayor to declare that a state of emergency exists in Salt Lake County which requires emergency assistance to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, and to reduce the threat and effects of a disaster and to invoke certain powers in aid of responding to and mitigating such state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, public safety and welfare are adversely affected by existing emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County has received a significantly higher than normal snowfall during the 2022-2023 winter; and

WHEREAS, over the last several days Salt Lake County has experienced above normal temperatures which have caused the rapid melting of the snowfall; and

WHEREAS, the rapid snowmelt has caused the County's waterways to be filled beyond their capacity resulting in flooding within municipalities and of numerous areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City issued a Local Emergency Declaration due to flooding within its boundaries on April 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Emigration Canyon Metro Township issued a Local Emergency Declaration due to flooding within its boundaries on April 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, there is an imminent threat of additional flooding as the snow continues to melt; and

WHEREAS, these conditions create a "State of Emergency" according to the laws of the State of Utah and Salt Lake County Ordinances:

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of Salt Lake County, Utah:

1. A State of Emergency exists for Salt Lake County due to flooding in Salt Lake City and Emigration Canyon Metro Township, the imminent threat of additional flooding in other municipalities in Salt Lake County and in the unincorporated County.
2. The emergency powers and operations of the County are hereby invoked and the County's personnel and resources are ordered and authorized to perform all functions specified in County Ordinance 2.86.050.

3. This Declaration shall take effect immediately and be declared to be ongoing and continuing for thirty (30) days unless terminated pursuant to governing law or an extension is authorized by the Salt Lake County Council.
5. The County is authorized to request all assistance available to Salt Lake County pursuant to the laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of Utah, the ordinances of Salt Lake County and activate all applicable mutual aid agreements.
6. This Declaration shall be provided to the Salt Lake County Council, filed immediately with the Salt Lake County Clerk and published by general dissemination to the news media.

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2023


MAYOR JENNIFER WILSON

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