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To: Governor, State of Michigan; Tuscola County Chairman

On the 25th day of May, pursuant to Section 10 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, the Chief Elected Official of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners declared that a Local State of Emergency exists in TUSCOLA COUNTY sustained ongoing, widespread flooding conditions as a result of heavy rainfall starting in the early morning of May 25, 2019. As a result of this situation, the following conditions exist:

- As of May 28, 2019, the Tuscola County Road Commission has identified 70 locations in the road system that received significant damages either caused by washouts or culvert failures.
- As of May 28, 2019, the Road Commission still has 16 roads closed to traffic because of total culvert failures which deemed the roadway as being unsafe.
- Preliminary estimations made by the Road Commission staff have damages in excess of 15% of their total 2019 operating budget and it is expected that those damages will continue to rise as additional damages are located as the water levels recede and inspections continue.
- Most of gravel roads in the southern end of the county has suffered washouts as well.

The response and recovery aspects of TUSCOLA COUNTY'S Emergency Action Guidelines have been activated, and local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. Despite these efforts, local resources are not sufficient to cope with the situation. The following resources have been requested through Mutual Aid:

- Tuscola County attempted to receive assistance with road closures from Saginaw County with roadways along the county line. Saginaw County Road Commission was unable to provide assistance as they were using their barricades for their own road closures.
- Tuscola County Road Commission contracted with Give'em a Brake Safety from Saginaw to assist with road closures and additional road closure barricades.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 12 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, I deem this incident to be beyond the control of this political subdivision, that the Governor declare a "State of Emergency". In support of this request, we will submit specific damage assessment data through official channels and in accordance with the guidance by the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Department

of State Police (MSP/EMHSD) within three (3) 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 within sufficient damage assessment data to substantiate the need for assistance, and I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the COUNTY OF TUSCOLA 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: **Financial assistance for response, recovery, and mitigation efforts including but not limited to road protective measures, debris removal, emergency response efforts**

Accordingly, be advised that Tuscola County Emergency Services Director, Deputy Steven Anderson, will provide liaison and coordination with state and Federal authorities for assistance related to this disaster and in accordance with Section 14 Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, he is directed to transmit this request to MSP/EMHSD.

Ordered this 29th day of May, 2019 by Chief Elected Official of Tuscola County Board of Commissioners



Board Chair, Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

5-29-19

Date