

Office of the Speaker

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A Declaration from the Speaker

TO ALL WHO COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, As Speaker of the House, it is my responsibility to ensure that the House can operate effectively.

WHEREAS, When certain conditions compromise this, I am responsible for taking the necessary actions.

WHEREAS, House of Commons Code § 2-5-6(a)(2) provides that the Speaker shall have the sole power to declare a State of Emergency if the Speaker determines that the threat of a disaster is imminent.

WHEREAS, The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Winter Storm Warning for La Porte, IN with heavy and blowing snow of up to 4 to 8 inches of snow in combination with winds up to fifty miles per hour.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (1) A State of Emergency pursuant to HCC § 2-5-6 is hereby declared effective at 9:00 AM CST on January 12, 2024 to 6:00 PM CST on January 13, 2024, which shall be extended should it be warranted.
- (2) Pursuant to HCC § 2-5-6(e)(1) I hereby suspend any House Administrative Code (HAC) that may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions in coping with the emergency.
- (3) Pursuant to HCC § 2-5-6(e)(3) I hereby declare during the State of Emergency a high travel risk advisory and encourage all who can stay home to do such.
- (4) Pursuant to HCC § 2-5-6(e)(5) I hereby grant persons who are not generally permitted to perform tasks, specifically with respect to the Highway Management Agency (HMA), the permission to perform tasks as necessary in order to cope with the emergency.

BE IT SO ORDERED.



Speaker of the House