

Speaker of the House

LEO W. CAVINDER

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 steps to relief the situation.
- WHEREAS, House of Commons Code (HCC) § 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 lake effect snow giving snow totals of 6 to 12 inches with certain areas have localized amounts greater than a foot.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (1) A State of Emergency pursuant to HCC § 2-5-6 is hereby declared effective at 9:00 PM CST on January 18, 2024 until 12:00 PM CST on January 19, 2024.
- (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 permissions to perform tasks as necessary in order to cope with the emergency.

BE IT SO ORDERED.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo W. Cavinder".

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The Honorable Speaker of the House