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DECLARATION FOR A LOCAL "STATE OF EMERGENCY"

TO: Commanding Officer - Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department; District # 6 District Coordinator Lt. Orville Theaker

WHEREAS, beginning on the 15 day of April, 2026, the County of Oceana has an imminent threat of widespread, or severe damage, injury, or loss of property resulting from heavy rainfall, widespread flooding, and flooding of the White River which is expected to impact homes, 3 bridges, multiple camp grounds and public access sites along the White River. In addition, multiple roadway washouts, culvert failures, and drain damages are expected.

WHEREAS, the Chief Elected Official of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL BY THE OCEANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10(b) OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 390, P.A. 1976 AS AMENDED:

- 1. That a Local State of Emergency is hereby declared for Oceana County.
2. The Local State of Emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners.
3. This declaration of a Local State of Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division, Michigan State Police Newaygo and Hart Post, and the Oceana County Clerk.
4. This declaration of a Local State of Emergency activates the Oceana County Emergency Operations Plan to direct the jurisdiction's response and recovery efforts and resources so that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. This includes activation of the jurisdiction's emergency operations center for coordination and control and utilization of the National Incident Management System by disaster relief forces.
5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 15 day of April, 2026.

[Signature of Robert Walker]

Robert Walker, Oceana County Board of Commissioners Chair

04/15/2026

Date