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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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J. Kevin Stitt
Office of the Governor
State of Oklahoma

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-06

I, J. Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby declare the following:

1. Extreme freezing temperatures and severe winter weather including snow, freezing rain, and wind beginning February 7, 2021, and continuing, are expected to cause damage to public and private properties and utilities, including electric, gas and water systems, within the State of Oklahoma causing an undue hardship on the citizens of this State.

2. It may be necessary to provide for the rendering of mutual assistance among the State and political subdivisions of the State with respect to carrying out disaster emergency functions during the continuance of the State emergency pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003.

3. There is hereby declared a disaster emergency caused by severe winter weather in ***all 77 Oklahoma counties*** that threatens the public's peace, health, and safety.

4. The State Emergency Operations Plan has been activated and resources of all State departments and agencies available to meet this emergency are hereby committed to the reasonable extent necessary to protect lives and to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage. These efforts shall be coordinated by the Director of the Department of Emergency Management with comparable functions of the federal government and political subdivisions of the State.

5. State agencies, in responding to this disaster emergency, may make necessary emergency acquisitions to fulfill the purposes of this proclamation without regard to limitations or bidding requirements on such acquisitions.

Based on the foregoing, pursuant to the power vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and 63 O.S. §§ 683.1 *et seq.*, and pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 390.23, I hereby declare that there is a State of Emergency continuing in the State of Oklahoma.

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Due to winter weather conditions ongoing and anticipated in the immediate future, it is necessary to assist and expedite all efforts of relief. In order to accommodate this need and to provide assistance to the residents of the State of Oklahoma in this extraordinary situation, I hereby order the temporary suspension of the following as they apply to vehicles in the support efforts:

1. The requirements for size and weights permits of oversized vehicles under Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes whose purpose is transportation of materials and supplies used for emergency relief and utility restoration;

2. The cost and fees of overweight permits required of carriers whose purpose is the transportation of materials and supplies used for emergency relief and power restoration, which require an overweight permit under Title 47 of Oklahoma statutes;

3. The requirements under Parts 390 through 399 pursuant to part 390.23 of Title 49 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Regulations;

4. The requirements for licensing/operating authority as required by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission; and

5. The requirements for licensing/registration authority as required by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from the Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing requirements (49 C.F.R. Part 382), the Commercial Driver License requirements (49 C.F.R. Part 383), the Financial Responsibility requirements (49 C.F.R. Part 387), or any other portion of the regulations not specifically identified herein. Motor carriers that have an Out-Of- Service Order in effect cannot take advantage of the relief from regulation that this declaration provides.

This Executive Order shall terminate at the end of thirty days.

Copies of this Executive Order shall be distributed to the Director of Emergency Management, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma Adjutant General's Office, Office of Management and Enterprise Services, and the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, who shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of State government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 12th day of February, 2021.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

J. KEVIN STITT

ATTEST:

BRIAN BINGMAN, Secretary of State