



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2025.20

Declaration of a State of Emergency

- WHEREAS Due to the prolonged shutdown of federal government operations, the State of Maryland is experiencing severe and widespread economic disruption creating emergency conditions as defined in Section 14-101(c) of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code;
- WHEREAS. The federal government is the largest employer in the State, employing over 250,000 Marylanders;
- WHEREAS. Even prior to the federal government shutdown, the chaotic nature of the federal administration's mass layoffs of federal government employees who reside in Maryland and the unlawful termination of federal grants and contracts already posed significant challenges to Maryland's economy;
- WHEREAS The federal administration's reckless federal government shutdown has further impacted Maryland's economy and the critical services that our families, children, and veterans rely on;
- WHEREAS. Thousands of Marylanders are furloughed from their federal government jobs and not receiving the paychecks they need to support themselves and their families, and the federal administration is threatening to break the law by refusing to make these employees whole;
- WHEREAS, The total number of claims for unemployment insurance ("UI") has increased significantly in Maryland since the beginning of the shutdown, with over 20,000 claims filed through the Maryland

Department of Labor since October 1, 2025, and 5,200 claims filed for the week ending October 25, 2025;

WHEREAS, The UI program for federal workers has seen over 4,200 claims directly related to the shutdown, and saw over 1,250 initial claims for the week ending October 25th, the largest weekly number of initial claims in over six years, compared to the 11 such claims filed by Maryland residents in an average week of 2024;

WHEREAS, Critical federal benefits, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits that keep more than 680,000 low-income Marylanders from going hungry are imminently set to expire, and the federal administration is unwilling to ensure their continuation;

WHEREAS, Because of the imminent threat or occurrence of severe or widespread economic disruption due to the existing and future impacts of the federal government shutdown and in preparation for all contingencies, an emergency exists Statewide;

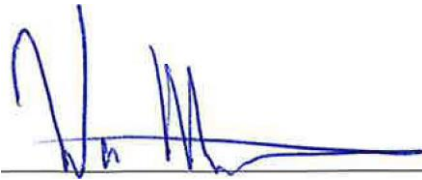
WHEREAS, State agencies may require additional resources and support to implement proactive actions and meet the public health, welfare, or safety needs of Maryland residents who are negatively affected by the impacts of the federal government shutdown;

WHEREAS In order to suspend the effect of any statute or rule or regulation to protect the welfare of Marylanders and facilitate the deployment of requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law; and

WHEREAS In order to fully implement the emergency powers of the Governor to facilitate the deployment of needed resources, an executive order is necessary and appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND CODE, AND IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF MARYLANDERS, HEREBY DECLARE, BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 30th Day of October 2025.



Wes Moore
Governor

ATTEST:



Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State

