

August 25, 2023

Governor Gretchen Whitmer
State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On August 25, 2023, pursuant to Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, the chief executive official of the City of South Lyon, a municipality in Oakland County, declared a state of emergency in the City due to severe thunderstorms on August 23 and 24, 2023, which caused widespread or severe damage, or loss of life or property. The response and recovery elements of the County of Oakland Emergency Operations Plan have been activated, and local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. Despite these efforts, local resources are not sufficient to manage the situation.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 12 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I deem this incident to be beyond the control of this political subdivision and I respectfully request, for and on behalf of the citizens of the City of South Lyon, that you declare that a "state of disaster" or "state of emergency" exists therein and that consideration be given, if conditions warrant, to petitioning the President of the United States for assistance provided by Public Law 93-288, as amended. Pursuant to Section 14 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I have been asked to send this request to you by the chief executive official of the City of South Lyon.

In support of this request, we will submit specific damage assessment information through official channels and in accordance with the guidance provided by the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police (MSP/EMHSD) within three (3) days of this incident, unless circumstances dictate an earlier submittal as requested by the MSP/EMHSD. Furthermore, I understand that this request will not be acted upon without sufficient damage assessment information to substantiate the need for assistance, and I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of the County of Oakland to provide that information in the manner prescribed by the MSP/EMHSD.

Specifically, I request the following state assistance to supplement local response and recovery efforts: debris removal, repair of all damages related to wind and/or flooding, repair or replacement of damaged equipment, and over-time costs for first responder, public works crews, and other employees involved in cleanup activities, funding assistance related to all noninsured public and private properties, and support through the recovery process.

Accordingly, be advised that Thom Hardesty will serve as the liaison and coordinate with state and federal authorities for assistance related to this incident, and in accordance with Section 14 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, he is directed to transmit this request to the MSP/EMHSD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Coulter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Coulter
Oakland County Executive