

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2018, bands of severe storms generating tornadoes and straight-line winds moved through central Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, these storms ravaged Christian County, destroying houses and necessitating the rescue of trapped residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the storms caused serious personal injuries, power outages impacting thousands of customers, and widespread damage to critical infrastructure and property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the amount of debris generation as a result of the storms has significantly impacted response and recovery efforts; and,

**WHEREAS**, reports received by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency from Christian County officials indicate that local resources and capabilities have been exhausted and that State resources are needed to respond and to recover from the effects of these storms; and,

**WHEREAS**, these conditions provide legal justification under section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster;

**THEREFORE**, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby proclaim as follows:

*Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois and specifically declare Christian County as a disaster area.*

*Section 2. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is directed to continue implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan and coordinate State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.*

*Section 3. To aid with emergency purchases as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code and companion regulations and policies that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent that they are not required by federal law.*

*Section 4: This proclamation can facilitate a request for Federal disaster assistance if a complete and comprehensive assessment of damage indicates that effective recovery is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments.*

*Section 5: This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
this THIRD day of DECEMBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundredth.



*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*  
GOVERNOR