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## Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of DePue, in Bureau County, suffered significant and extensive damage as a result of a thunderstorms during the late afternoon and early evening hours of May 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the thunderstorms, the City of DePue saw approximately 3.00 inches of rain in 50 minutes which caused high impact flash flooding that persisted for approximately 2 hours and inflicted substantial damage to residences and public infrastructure in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of DePue and its residents continue to struggle to repair the damages and recover from the flash flooding incident; and

WHEREAS, based on reports received by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, local resources and capabilities have been exhausted and State resources are needed to respond to and recover from the effects of the severe thunderstorms and flash flooding; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, I, JB Pritzker, 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 Bureau County as a disaster area.

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

**Section 3.** To aid with emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent 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.

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*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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the  
Year of Our Lord two thousand and  
twenty, and of the State of Illinois two  
hundred and second.*

*Darce White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*BRP*

GOVERNOR