

## Executive Order on Federal Intervention in Minnesota to Restore Lawful Order

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Insurrection Act (10 U.S.C. §§ 251–254), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.), and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.), it is hereby ordered as follows:

### Section 1. Policy and Findings

(a) I find that in the State of Minnesota, sustained defiance by state and local authorities has made it **impracticable to enforce the laws of the United States by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings** (10 U.S.C. § 252). State and local officials have openly refused to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement – through so-called “sanctuary” policies, obstruction of federal officers, and other acts of non-compliance – creating a situation in which federal immigration laws **cannot be safely or effectively enforced** through normal means. As a result of this active resistance, dangerous individuals remain at large, federal officers face hostile conditions, and public order has been undermined.

(b) The United States is therefore compelled to intervene to **restore order and uphold the rule of law**. It is the policy of the Federal Government to ensure that federal laws – including immigration laws – are faithfully executed **with full respect for due process**, even in jurisdictions that resist or obstruct lawful enforcement. This Order initiates a focused, lawful, and temporary federal intervention in Minnesota to reestablish public safety, enforce federal immigration laws, and demonstrate that due process–centered enforcement can and will be carried out even in a hostile local environment.

### Section 2. Invocation of Insurrection Act and Federalization of National Guard

Pursuant to my authority under the Insurrection Act (10 U.S.C. §§ 251–254), I hereby **invoke the Insurrection Act to restore public order in Minnesota**. The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to **federalize the National Guard of the State of Minnesota** by ordering into active federal service any units and personnel of the Minnesota National Guard (Army or Air) as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order. Such National Guard units shall immediately assume a federal status under the command of the Secretary of Defense, and they shall remain on active duty until relieved by appropriate federal orders.

The Secretary of Defense is further authorized to **deploy federal military forces** (including active-duty Armed Forces) as he deems necessary to **suppress unlawful obstructions and domestic violence, and to enforce federal laws** in Minnesota. All forces deployed pursuant to this Order shall be used in a lawful manner, **under civilian leadership**, and only to the extent necessary to restore and maintain order and to ensure the execution of federal law.

### Section 3. Fort Snelling Federal District

In order to support unified federal operations, the area known as **Fort Snelling Unorganized Territory, Minnesota** (encompassing, *inter alia*, the Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airport and associated installations) is hereby **established as a federally controlled district** under exclusive federal jurisdiction. This *Fort Snelling Federal District* shall serve as a secure zone for command and staging of federal forces and assets. The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall take all necessary steps to assert federal authority over this territory for the duration of the emergency, ensuring that federal personnel and operations within this district can function free from interference or jurisdictional conflict.

### Section 4. Deployment of Reserve Forces to Support Transportation Security

The Secretary of Defense shall order available **U.S. Army Reserve units stationed at Fort Snelling** into active duty as needed to support critical infrastructure security. In particular, Army Reserve personnel shall be **deployed to**

**Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airport** in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security. These units will **assist the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** and airport authorities by augmenting security screening operations, baggage handling, and other key **terminal logistics** in a **uniformed military capacity**. This action is intended to bolster the safe functioning of the airport and protect air travel, given the extraordinary security circumstances, and shall be carried out with minimal disruption to civil aviation.

#### **Section 5. Declaration of National Emergency (Fraud and Administrative Collapse)**

**A national emergency is hereby declared** pursuant to the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.) with respect to the State of Minnesota’s **systemic fraud and administrative collapse in federally funded programs**. I find that Minnesota’s failure to lawfully administer certain federal and federally-funded programs – including pervasive fraud in public assistance benefits and breakdowns in record-keeping that affect immigration status verification – has contributed to a **collapse of lawful governance** that **threatens the integrity of federal programs and impairs the enforcement of federal immigration law**. This national emergency declaration shall activate the relevant emergency authorities; to remain in effect until the crisis has been abated and lawful administration of these programs is restored.

#### **Section 6. Establishment of an Administrative Immigration Processing Center**

To address the emergency and enforce immigration laws in an orderly fashion, and **pursuant to the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) and other emergency authorities**, the following actions shall be taken:

- (a) The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, shall **seize or otherwise secure use of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and the adjacent University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus** for federal purposes. These properties are hereby **designated as a unified federal site – the “Minnesota Administrative Immigration Processing Center” (Processing Center)** – to be used as a centralized location for immigration enforcement operations and administrative processing. Federal agencies are authorized to **utilize, adapt, and equip these facilities** as necessary to support high-volume intake, housing, and processing of individuals, consistent with the needs of this Order.
- (b) The Processing Center shall serve as a **secure hub for in-person verification of identity and immigration status, case adjudication, and associated support services**. At this site, immigration officers, adjudicators (including immigration judges or other judicial officers), and support staff shall be co-located to ensure that **due process is upheld** and that each case is handled efficiently and fairly. The Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General shall deploy appropriate personnel to the Processing Center to conduct **administrative hearings, status reviews, and any necessary detention or removal actions** in a centralized and coordinated manner. This centralized approach will enable uniform application of the law and **streamline the processing of immigration cases** while maintaining transparency and adherence to all applicable laws.
- (c) This federal use of the Fairgrounds and University campus is undertaken on an **emergency and temporary basis**. The Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, and the FEMA Administrator shall coordinate with relevant state entities (such as the State Agricultural Society for the Fairgrounds and the University’s Board of Regents for the campus) to formalize the temporary federal possession and use of these facilities. The use of these properties under federal authority shall continue **only for the duration of the national emergency and operational necessity**, after which the facilities will be returned to their prior status.

#### **Section 7. Immigration Status Verification and Subpoena Reissuance**

The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall **initiate a comprehensive immigration status verification process for non-citizens in Minnesota**. As part of this process, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall **reissue administrative immigration subpoenas** (or similar lawful summonses under the Immigration and Nationality Act) to **all individuals in Minnesota who are not United States citizens or lawful permanent residents**. These subpoenas shall **require recipients to appear in person at the Minnesota Administrative Immigration Processing Center** to verify their identity, confirm their current immigration status, and review any public benefits or services they have received under federal programs.

- The purpose of this in-person check-in requirement is to **update and correct government records, detect and deter identity fraud, and ensure compliance with immigration laws and eligibility rules for federal benefits**. The subpoenas and accompanying notices shall clearly explain that this process is a civil administrative proceeding to **affirm legal status and benefit eligibility**, and that individuals who comply will be afforded full due process and an opportunity to resolve any discrepancies or issues with their records. DHS shall take steps to ensure that notices are delivered effectively (including public announcements as needed) and that reasonable accommodations are made for individuals to present themselves as instructed.

### **Section 8. Enforcement Actions Against Noncompliance**

The Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security are hereby directed to **vigorously enforce** compliance with the immigration subpoenas and other lawful orders issued pursuant to Section 7 of this Order:

- (a) The Department of Justice (DOJ), through the Attorney General, shall pursue all appropriate **judicial measures** against any individuals or entities who **willfully disobey or evade** the subpoenas or fail to appear at the Processing Center as required. This may include seeking orders from federal courts to compel compliance, finding subjects in contempt, or authorizing warrants for the arrest of individuals who, after notice, refuse lawful summons.
- (b) The Department of Homeland Security, in coordination with DOJ, shall **conduct field operations and arrests as necessary** to locate and take into federal custody those individuals who **fail to comply** with the subpoenas or other lawful directives related to this Order. DHS (including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other relevant components) is authorized to deploy tactical teams and surge personnel within Minnesota to carry out these enforcement actions in a safe, professional manner. All such operations shall be conducted with due regard for public safety and the rights of the individuals involved.
- (c) Federal agencies shall coordinate closely on these enforcement efforts. The Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a **joint command structure or task force** to manage statewide field operations, share intelligence, and efficiently execute the missions of apprehending noncompliant persons and bringing them to the Processing Center or before the appropriate court. These actions are necessary to ensure that **no individual thwarts the lawful process** and that the rule of law is uniformly applied.

### **Section 9. Financial Crimes Investigators Co-Located for Fraud Detection**

In order to address the **widespread fraud and financial misconduct** contributing to this emergency, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall **deploy federal financial-crimes investigators to the Processing Center**:

- (a) **Interagency Investigative Units** – Multi-agency teams specializing in financial crimes (such as benefit fraud, identity theft, money laundering, tax evasion, and related offenses) shall be **co-located at the Minnesota Administrative Immigration Processing Center**. These teams may include agents and analysts from DHS (including Homeland Security Investigations), the DOJ (including FBI and relevant

Inspectors General), and the Department of the Treasury (including IRS Criminal Investigation and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network), as appropriate.

- (b) **Real-Time Evidence Collection** – Investigators at the Processing Center shall conduct **real-time audits and investigations** of any irregularities uncovered during the immigration status verification and benefits review process. If evidence emerges that an individual or associated persons have engaged in fraud (for example, unlawful receipt of public benefits, false statements, or other financial crimes), these investigators will immediately **collect, preserve, and analyze evidence** and coordinate with prosecutors to support criminal charges where warranted. By embedding financial-crime experts on-site, the federal government will be able to **initiate legal action to halt ongoing fraud schemes and secure evidence** before it can be destroyed or concealed.
- (c) These investigative efforts shall focus on **systemic fraud** that has undermined federally funded programs in Minnesota, ensuring that those who orchestrated or benefited from such schemes are identified and held accountable. All activities will be conducted in accordance with federal law and with appropriate oversight to protect sensitive information and civil liberties.

## Section 10. Public Information and Outreach Initiative

The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Attorney General, the Secretary of Defense, and the heads of other relevant agencies, shall implement a **state and region wide communications campaign** to inform the public about the actions and processes set forth in this Order. This campaign shall explain, in clear terms, the **lawful authority and necessity** behind the federal intervention in Minnesota and outline the **centralized review process and phased consequences for noncompliance** with the immigration check-in requirement:

- (a) **Transparency and Reassurance** – Official communications will emphasize that the federal enforcement actions are **grounded in law, guided by due process, and focused on restoring lawful order**. The public outreach should reassure law-abiding residents, while making clear the expectations for non-citizens in Minnesota to comply with the verification process. It shall be made known that the Processing Center is designed to handle cases **fairly and efficiently**, with interpreters, legal orientation, and on-site adjudication to ensure everyone's rights are respected.
- (b) **Instructions and Deadlines** – The campaign will provide practical information, including how individuals can verify if they have been subpoenaed, where and when to report, what to bring, and what to expect at the Processing Center. Clear deadlines or time frames for voluntary compliance shall be announced, along with a general outline of **phased enforcement measures** that will follow for those who fail to appear after sufficient notice.

Outreach shall be conducted in multiple languages as needed and through various media (television, radio, online, community organizations) to maximize awareness. **No incentives or benefits beyond the scope of lawful compliance shall be advertised**; the communications will focus on **explaining the legal process and consequences** to encourage cooperation and dispel misinformation. This public information initiative is critical to ensure that the enforcement operation proceeds with the understanding and cooperation of the public and to demonstrate the government's commitment to a **lawful and orderly process**.

## Section 11. General Provisions

(a) **Priority of Federal Law:** Nothing in this Order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the **supremacy of federal law** in the State of Minnesota. All federal officers and agencies executing this Order shall act with full respect for the Constitution and are consistent with applicable federal statutes and regulations.

(b) **Coordination and Oversight:** The Secretary of Homeland Security shall be the **Lead Federal Coordinator** for the actions directed by this Order, unless otherwise specified. The Secretary shall, as necessary, convene a coordination council including senior officials from DOJ, DOD, FEMA, and other relevant agencies to oversee implementation. Regular reports on the status of operations, compliance rates, and restoration of order shall be provided to the President.

(c) **State and Local Engagement:** To the extent practicable, federal authorities shall keep state and local officials informed of actions under this Order and may accept the cooperation of any state or local personnel who choose to assist in reestablishing lawful order. However, **state or local measures that obstruct or interfere** with the execution of this Order are hereby **preempted** under the Constitution's Supremacy Clause.

(d) **Termination:** The provisions of this Executive Order shall **terminate upon the restoration of lawful order in Minnesota and the re-establishment of ordinary enforcement of federal law**. The Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General shall jointly certify to the President when the extraordinary measures outlined herein are no longer necessary, whereupon the President shall take steps to rescind this Order (or relevant parts thereof) and cancel the state of emergency and any remaining federal military activation.

(e) **Severability:** If any provision of this Order, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and its application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(f) **No Private Right Created:** This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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