Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Gome:

Beginning on July 26, 2022, a severe weather system generating multiple rounds of torrential rain, causing death and injury, flooding, flash flooding, mudslides, and landslides, impacted the Commonwealth of Kentucky, particularly Eastern Kentucky, creating dangerous conditions and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties;

These conditions have endangered and caused injury to public health and safety and public and private property;

As a result, I declared a State of Emergency by Executive Order 2022-457 on July 28, 2022, and established the Team Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund;

Additionally, on July 29, 2022, the President of the United States declared that a major disaster exists in the Commonwealth and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts. Subsequently, the President approved individual disaster assistance for people in multiple counties impacted by the devastating floods;

To date, the death toll from this emergency stands at 39 Kentuckians lost;

Recovering and rebuilding from this emergency will require additional resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the power vested in me under Section 80 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I, Andy Beshear, Governor, do hereby issue this proclamation convening the Kentucky General Assembly in

Extraordinary Session at the Seat of Government, Frankfort, Kentucky, at 12:00 p.m. (EDT), Wednesday, August 24, 2022, for the sole purpose of considering legislation that:

- Establishes, appropriates funding to, and provides for the administration of the Eastern Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies (EKSAFE)
 fund;
- Amends the statute relating to the West Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies (WKSAFE) fund, in particular by extending the date of the fund through June 30, 2026; and
- Provides relief to Eastern Kentucky school districts impacted by the flooding emergency, in particular by relaxing requirements relating to the number of student attendance days, leave for teachers, and remote instruction, and provides relief to Western and Eastern Kentucky school districts impacted by the tornado and flooding emergencies by setting forth new requirements relating to average daily attendance for SEEK funding.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 23rd day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two and in the 231st year of the Commonwealth.

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS Secretary of State