

**Severe Winter Storm
Emergency Declaration
WILLIAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
April 25, 2022**

WHEREAS, Williams County, North Dakota Has had record snow fall and prolonged sustained high winds with gusts to 60 mph ; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, Williams County, North Dakota the storm has caused wide spread power outages, tremendous damage to the electric infrastructure, road closures throughout the entire county and caused blockages on rural roads and brought travel to a standstill ; and

WHEREAS, Williams County Highway department along with public works departments for the cities within Williams County have made an inordinate effort to try to keep roads passable. Progress was impeded due to prolonged periods of heavy snowfall, blowing snow and extreme wind; and

WHEREAS, the heavy snowfall has caused significant consequences for those in agriculture whose livestock were stressed or perished as a result; and

WHEREAS, the impact and continued conditions along with the prolonged clean up may threaten the health, well-being and safety of the citizens in Williams County; and

WHEREAS, response personnel have incurred additional overtime due to 24/7 operations and shift work; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available Williams County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Williams County Commissioners declare a state of emergency exists in Williams County, North Dakota.

DATED at Williston, North Dakota this 25th day of April 2022.



Cory Hanson, Chairman
Williams County Commission

WILLIAMS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT and HOMELAND SECURITY
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