

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ILLINOIS DISASTER DECLARATION

Under the authority vested in me pursuant to Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, I, Neil Hargis, Chairman of the Board of Franklin County, Illinois, hereby declare that a DISASTER exists in said County of Franklin, State of Illinois due to the following reasons:

On January 5th, 2025, Winter Storm Blair impacted the County of Franklin, causing severe winter weather conditions including heavy ice accumulation and dangerously low temperatures. These conditions have resulted in significant disruptions to transportation, power outages, property damage, and posed a threat to the safety and welfare of residents. Local response and recovery resources have been or are expected to be overwhelmed by the scale of the storm's impact, necessitating additional recovery support.

The Director of Emergency Management Ryan M. Buckingham, is ordered to proceed with haste to bring said disaster to a rapid conclusion for the safety and best interests of the residents of the County of Franklin; pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, and Franklin County Emergency Management Ordinance.

This declaration is effective January 10th, 2025, and shall expire January 17th, 2025, unless extended pursuant to Section 11(a) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

Dated this 10th day of January 2025.

BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD:



Neil Hargis
Chairman of the Franklin County Board

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FRANKLIN COUNTY CLERK

I, Kevin Wilson, County Clerk of said County of Franklin, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that this Declaration of Disaster was filed in my office on the 10th day of January, 2025.



Kevin Wilson
Clerk of Franklin County

