

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22- 01
EXECUTIVE ORDER AND
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2022 the levee at Lake George in Marion, Kentucky failed and it was determined that it was necessary to completely empty the lake; and

WHEREAS, Lake George is the main reservoir for water for supplying residents and businesses in the City of Marion, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, without Lake George the City of Marion is without a sufficient and consistent source of water; and

WHEREAS, to repair the levee or to acquire a new source of water will likely require many months; and

WHEREAS, the emergency response of the City of Marion, Kentucky needs to be deployed rapidly to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jared Byford, has determined that the levee failure at Lake George and the lack of a sufficient water supply presents a severe and complex threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens that extraordinary emergency measures are warranted pursuant to KRS 39A.100 (2) and KRS 39B.070; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Mayor Jared Byford to coordinate an emergency effort with national, state, county, and other local agencies for maximum effective response.

NOW and therefore, I, Jared Byford, Mayor of the City of Marion, Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by KRS Chapter 39A and 39B of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Marion, Kentucky, and that I shall be exercising the authority granted to me through Executive Orders, and through utilization of city personnel, services, equipment, and any necessary acts to manage this emergency. Subject to any orders of Governor Andy Beshear, I hereby order and direct any and all departments of the City of Marion, Kentucky to coordinate and cooperate with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Division of Water, any federal agencies to respond to the threat presented by levee failure of Lake George and the loss of the City's main water supply by exercising the powers articulated in KRS Chapter 39A and 39B and to provide information to individuals, businesses, organizations, and other entities to best prepare and respond to the loss of the reservoir.

This Declaration of State of Emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Signed on this the 2nd day of May, 2022,



Mayor Jared Byford
City of Marion, Kentucky