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## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

P.O. Box 7863 Madison, WI 53707

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Dear State Agency Heads,

Today, Executive Order #311 was issued in support of response and recovery efforts anticipated due to Hurricane Michael. Currently, the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina are in a declared state of emergency.

Under Wisconsin law, specifically Wis. Stat. § 230.35(3)(e), an appointing authority may grant a paid leave of absence to a permanent state employee to allow the employee to participate in providing specialized disaster relief services at the request of the American Red Cross. For out-of-state disasters, agency heads may grant such a leave of absence only upon authorization of the governor.

I hereby authorize each agency head to grant a paid leave of absence to any permanent State of Wisconsin employee to assist the American Red Cross in disaster relief efforts resulting from Hurricane Michael, provided that the criteria specified under Wis. Stat. § 230.35(3)(e).

Please get a list of all requests and approvals to Greg Gracz, Administrator of the Division of Personnel Management (DPM). If you have any questions, please call Tom Sandine, Director, Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection at (608) 267-1023.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker Governor