

Rep. Dianda offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 374.**

A resolution calling on President Donald Trump to declare a major disaster for the state of Michigan from the flash flooding that occurred in Houghton, Gogebic, and Menominee Counties.

Whereas, On June 17, 2018, severe weather and intense rain struck the counties of Houghton, Gogebic, and Menominee. The flooding caused widespread and severe damage to infrastructure, homes, businesses, and public facilities. It also caused an immediate threat to public health and safety due to structural hazards, exposure to contaminants, and increased emergency response times caused by inaccessible roadways and bridges; and

Whereas, Beginning on June 17, 2018, the aforementioned jurisdictions have taken a number of actions to cope with the situation, including, but not limited to, declaring local states of emergency, activating the disaster response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plans, and issuing emergency public information; and

Whereas, On June 18, 2018, Governor Rick Snyder declared a state of disaster for Houghton and Menominee Counties and three days later he did the same for Gogebic County; and

Whereas, Local resources have been insufficient to address the situation and the assistance of voluntary organizations and the state were required to protect public health, safety, and property, and to lessen or avert the threat of more severe and persisting impacts to the community, which exist to this day as recovery efforts progress; and

Whereas, A joint Preliminary Damage Assessment involving federal, state, and local leaders reviewed and appraised the most severely damaged homes, businesses, and public facilities in the affected counties. The state of Michigan has determined that the damage reached the level necessary to warrant federal aid; and

Whereas, On July 9, 2018, the state of Michigan requested supplementary federal aid in the form of public assistance and individual assistance to eligible residents, businesses, and local government due to the severity and magnitude of the flooding. The request will be reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will advise the President on the necessity of a federal disaster declaration and federal assistance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call on President Donald Trump to declare a major disaster for the state of Michigan from the flash flooding that occurred in Houghton, Gogebic, and Menominee Counties; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.