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GOVERNOR

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JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.
LT. GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
No. 2007 – 1

PROHIBITING THE USE OF FIRE ON FOREST LANDS AND ADJACENT LANDS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES

WHEREAS, under Section 1 of Article V, the executive power of the state of Michigan is vested in the Governor;

WHEREAS, Section 51507 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.51507, authorizes the Governor, upon finding that an extreme fire hazard exists, to issue a proclamation forbidding the use of fire by any person entering forest lands or lands adjacent to forest lands in parts of this state as deemed necessary by the Governor;

WHEREAS, dried vegetation, lack of rainfall, warm temperatures, low humidity, and high winds have combined to create a condition of extremely high risk of wildfire in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan;

WHEREAS, this extremely high fire risk seriously threatens Michigan's fields, forests and wildlands, and endangers life and property in these areas;

WHEREAS, human carelessness related to such activities as outdoor burning and smoking is a leading cause of field, forest and wildland fires;

WHEREAS, state and local resources and personnel are stretched extremely thin fighting a wildfire affecting more than 18,000 acres in Luce County and numerous other smaller fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor under Michigan law, proclaim:

1. Due to conditions of extreme fire hazard, it is necessary in the public interest and for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, to forbid outdoor burning on forest lands and lands adjacent to forest lands in the following 75 counties: Alcona; Alger; Allegan; Alpena; Antrim; Arenac; Baraga; Barry; Bay; Benzie; Calhoun; Charlevoix; Cheboygan; Chippewa; Clare; Clinton; Crawford; Delta; Dickinson; Eaton; Emmet; Genesee; Gladwin; Gogebic; Grand Traverse; Gratiot;

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Houghton; Huron; Ingham; Ionia; Iosco; Iron; Isabella; Jackson; Kalamazoo; Kalkaska; Kent; Keweenaw; Lake; Lapeer; Leelanau; Livingston; Luce; Mackinaw; Macomb; Manistee; Marquette; Mason; Mecosta; Menominee; Midland; Missaukee; Montcalm; Montmorency; Muskegon; Newaygo; Oakland; Oceana; Ogemaw; Ontonagon; Osceola; Oscoda; Otsego; Ottawa; Presque Isle; Roscommon; Saginaw; Saint Clair; Sanilac; Schoolcraft; Shiawassee; Tuscola; Van Buren; Washtenaw; and Wexford.

2. Within the 75 counties identified in Paragraph 1, the following is prohibited upon forest lands and lands adjacent to forest lands:

a. Building a campfire of any nature, except within containers at public or private campgrounds that have permanent staff on site or at places of habitation.

b. Smoking a pipe, cigarette, or cigar, except at places of habitation, public or private campgrounds that have permanent staff on site, or in any automobile or truck.

c. Burning, or causing to be burned, any flammable material, including, but not limited to: refuse, debris, waste, forest material, brush, stumps, logs, rubbish, fallen timber, grass, stubble, leaves, fallow land, slash, and crops or crop residue, unless a permit is first obtained in writing as provided in Part 515 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.51501 to 324.51514.

This Proclamation is effective on August, 17, 2007 at 4:36 p.m. and remains in effective until rescinded.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 16th day of August, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seven.

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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