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GOVERNOR

JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.
LT. GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
No. 2007 – 2

PARTIALLY RESCINDING THE BAN ON THE USE OF FIRE ON FOREST LANDS AND ADJACENT LANDS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES

WHEREAS, under Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the executive power of the state of Michigan is vested in the Governor;

WHEREAS, under Section 26 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, if the Governor is absent from the state, the powers and duties of the Office of the Governor shall be performed by the Lieutenant 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 portions of this state deemed necessary by the Governor;

WHEREAS, by August 17, 2007, dried vegetation, lack of rainfall, warm temperatures, low humidity, and high winds combined to create a condition of extremely high risk of wildfire in 75 counties throughout the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan;

WHEREAS, as of August 17, 2007, Governor Granholm, concluding that the extreme fire hazard risk at the time posed a serious threat to Michigan's fields, forests and wildlands, and potentially endangered life and property in 75 counties, exercised authority under Section 51507 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994, PA 451, MCL 324.51507, and issued Executive Proclamation 2007-1;

WHEREAS, based on a finding of an extreme fire hazard in 75 counties, Executive Proclamation 2007–1 prohibited the use of fire on forest lands and adjacent lands in 75 counties;

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WHEREAS, certain counties in the Southern Lower Peninsula of Michigan have recently received significant amounts of rainfall, reducing the level of long-term drought and the fire hazard threat in those areas;

WHEREAS, according to the analysis of the drought codes and buildup indices by the Department of Natural Resources, coupled with short-term and long-term weather forecasts for the Southern Lower Peninsula of Michigan, it appears that the extreme fire hazard resulting in the long-term drought has passed in certain counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN D. CHERRY, JR., Lieutenant Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor and Acting Governor under Michigan law, proclaim:

1. Certain counties in southern lower Michigan have recently received significant amounts of rainfall, reducing the level of long-term drought and the threat of wildfire in the following counties: Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oakland, Ottawa, St. Clair, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Van Buren, and Washtenaw.

2. The Department of Natural Resources advises that the extreme fire hazard risk has diminished in the counties of Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oakland, Ottawa, St. Clair, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Van Buren, and Washtenaw;

3. The ban imposed on the use of fire on forest lands and adjacent lands under Executive Proclamation 2007–1 is rescinded in the following counties: Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oakland, Ottawa, St. Clair, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Van Buren, and Washtenaw.

4. Executive Proclamation 2007–1 remains in effect for the following counties: Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gladwin, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Huron, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Lapeer, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Tuscola, and Wexford.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 24th day of August, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seven.

JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND ACTING GOVERNOR

BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE
ON 8/24/07 AT 2:30 P.M.