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EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
No. 2007 – 3

RESCINDING THE BAN ON THE USE OF FIRE ON FOREST LANDS AND ADJACENT LANDS IN THE LOWER PENINSULA

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan 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 portions of this state deemed necessary by the Governor;

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2007, 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 throughout the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan;

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2007, Executive Proclamation 2007-2 lifted this prohibition in twenty-three counties located in the southern Lower Peninsula of Michigan based on a finding that significant amounts of rainfall had reduced the fire hazard threat in those counties but retained the prohibition in much of the northern Lower Peninsula, and in all counties of the Upper Peninsula;

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has now advised that, based upon its analysis of the drought codes and buildup indices, and of both short-term and long-term weather forecasts, the extreme fire hazard conditions have abated in the northern Lower Peninsula, but continue to pose a serious threat throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula;

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:

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1. The ban imposed on the use of fire on forest lands and adjacent lands by Executive Proclamations 2007-1 and 2007-2 is rescinded in the Lower Peninsula of the state of Michigan.

2. The ban imposed on the use of fire on forest lands and adjacent lands by Executive Proclamation 2007-1 and 2007-2 remains in effect for all counties located in the Upper Peninsula: Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft. Until such time as this ban is rescinded, the following activities shall continue to be prohibited upon forest lands and lands adjacent to forest lands located within the Upper Peninsula:

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.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 30th 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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