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JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.
LT. GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
No. 2007 – 4

RESCINDING THE BAN ON THE USE OF FIRE ON FOREST LANDS AND ADJACENT LANDS

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;

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2007, Executive Proclamation 2007-3 lifted this prohibition in the remainder of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan based on a similar finding that significant amounts of rainfall had reduced the fire hazard threat throughout the Lower Peninsula but retained the ban 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 now abated throughout the state including the Upper Peninsula;

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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. The ban imposed on the use of fire on forest lands and adjacent lands by Executive Proclamations 2007-1, and partially extended by Executive Proclamations 2007-2 and 2007-3, is rescinded throughout the State of Michigan.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 11th day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seven.

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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