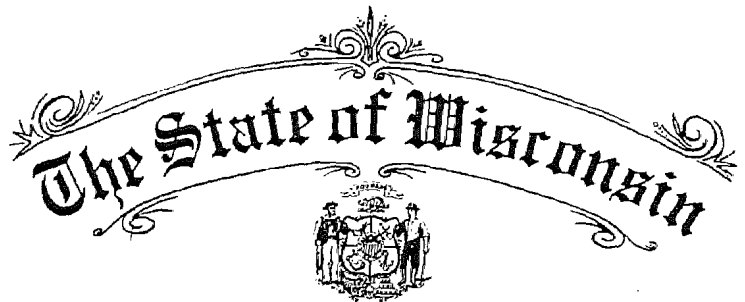


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EXECUTIVE ORDER #46

Proclamation of a State of Emergency
Relating to Grass and Forest Fire Hazards

WHEREAS, the current drought has created extremely dry conditions and has resulted in the destruction of vegetation in the fields and woodlands of virtually every county of the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the United States Weather Bureau expects the current dry pattern to continue; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5,200 forest fires have already burned over approximately 11,200 acres of land in 1988; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 1988 the Department of Natural Resources ordered emergency fire regulations prohibiting campfires and open burning under authority of s. NR 30.05, Wis. Adm. Code, on lands designated as forest fire protection areas in 43 counties of the state; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 1988 the Department of Natural Resources ordered emergency fire regulations prohibiting smoking, campfires, open burning and fireworks under authority of s. NR 30.06, Wis. Adm. Code on all lands under the supervision, management and control of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the regulations established by the Department of Natural Resources do not extend to nor provide protection for property and persons located outside of areas subject to the regulations; and

WHEREAS, due the extraordinarily dry conditions, natural resources, including timber and crops, which are important to the economy of the state, as well as other property and persons are subject to the increased threat of fires and will continue to be subjected to such threat; and

WHEREAS, campfires, smoking and the use of fireworks are causes of forest fires in the state which often result in extensive damage or injury; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the use of fireworks has already burned more acreage than has burned in the three previous calendar years combined; and

WHEREAS, the threat to natural resources by the presence of fire hazards caused by the dry conditions and the use of campfires, smoking materials, fireworks, caps, toy snakes, sparklers, smoke bombs, or cylindrical or cone fountains which emit sparks and smoke requires that limitations or prohibitions be placed on such use; and

WHEREAS, forest fires in 1988 have resulted in numerous injuries and at least one fatality and the current fire hazard conditions pose a continuing threat to public health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, and Section 166.03(1)(b)1., Wis. Stats., hereby declare the present fire hazard conditions to be a natural disaster and hereby proclaim the entire State of Wisconsin to be in a state of emergency for 30 days, unless extended by joint resolution of the Legislature.

The State of Wisconsin



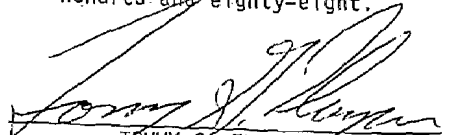
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PURSUANT TO said state of emergency, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, and Section 166.03(1)(b)1., Wis. Stats., I hereby order that no person may:


- 1) Set, build or maintain any open fire, except:
 - a) As permitted by the Department of Natural Resources on land located in forest protection areas and under their control, management or supervision or by the state and local unit of government on other lands; or
 - b) Charcoal grills when in the immediate vicinity of a residential dwelling and when placed on a noncombustible surface; or
 - c) Gas grills or camp stoves.
- 2) Throw, discard or drop matches, ashes or other burning material while outdoors in the immediate vicinity of combustible natural vegetation.
- 3) Light or use any fireworks, as defined in s. 167.10, Stats., or caps, toy snakes, sparklers, smoke bombs, or cylindrical or cone fountains that emit sparks and smoke except in displays or uses authorized by a local unit of government where adequate fire prevention measures have been taken.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-eighth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State