

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER #191**

## Relating to a Declaration of a State of Emergency in Response to Elevated Wildfire Conditions

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has been experiencing a period of high fire occurrence;

**WHEREAS,** based upon weather predictions from the National Weather Service, Wisconsin will experience a period of weather in which wildland fuels can readily ignite and create rapidly spreading fires;

**WHEREAS,** there is an ongoing statewide wildfire danger and threat that may affect the safety of persons and property;

**WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has requested wildfire suppression support from the Wisconsin National Guard to include the pre-positioning of firefighting assets in critical locations throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS,** additional personnel and resources may be needed to expedite the response and recovery operations in the affected areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS,** Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and specifically by Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin.

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- 2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in potential wildfire prevention, response and recovery efforts.
- 3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in providing wildfire suppression support and other essential services.
- 4. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.

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**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 twelfth day of April in the year of two thousand twenty-

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