WHEREAS, Wisconsin has experienced serious forest fires in the past year which have had an impact on many citizens and homeowners; and

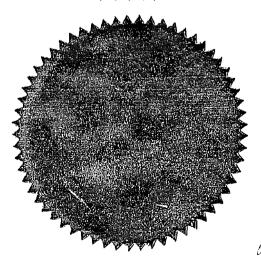
WHEREAS, citizens in northern Wisconsin have expressed a need for more information and the opportunity to have input into the forest fire management activities of state and local governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, do hereby:

- 1. Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14.019, Wisconsin Statutes, the creation of a Special Committee on Forest Fire Management, and charge the Committee with:
 - a. obtaining input from the public and meeting with state and local government officials to discuss citizen and government activities in the event of a forest fire; and
 - b. making needed improvements in governmental responsiveness and recommendations to the Governor concerning citizen education, safety and personal preparation efforts.

Members shall be appointed by the Governor. The Administrator of the Division of Emergency Government shall serve as the chairperson.

- 2. Direct the Department of Natural Resources to provide information and assistance to the Committee as requested by the chairperson.
- 3. Direct the Committee to submit its findings to the Governor.
- 4. Instruct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Committee with such sums of money as are necessary for legitimate travel and operating expenses, as provided by the Joint Finance Committee under Section 20.505(5)(a), Wisconsin Statutes.



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 <u>G</u> day of <u>Madison this</u> <u>G</u> day of <u>Madison this</u> <u>G</u> day of <u>Madison the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-one.</u>

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By the Governor:

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