



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 97

Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency

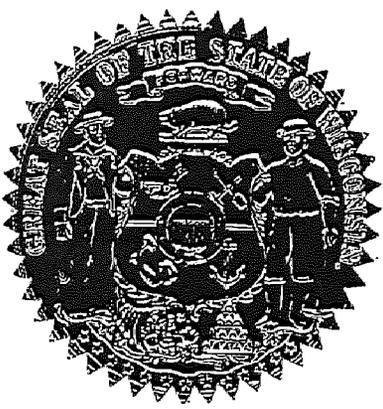
WHEREAS, on May 5, 2005, a forest fire, one of the largest in Wisconsin's history, consumed approximately 4,000 acres in Adams County forcing the evacuation of more than 200 people and imperiling more than 100 structures; and

WHEREAS, over 400 area emergency responders from fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services responded to this fire, including staff from Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin State Patrol; and

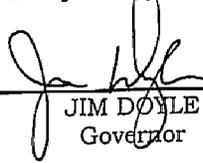
WHEREAS, additional personnel and resources are needed to expedite the response and recovery operations in the affected area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and specifically by Wis. Stat. § 166.03(1)(b), do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Adams County; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist the above referenced county as appropriate in this response and recovery effort.

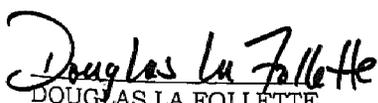


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this sixth day of May, 2005.



JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State