



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #103**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to a Forest Fire**

**WHEREAS**, a forest wildfire, the largest to hit northern Wisconsin in the last 33 years, has consumed over 9,000 acres in Bayfield and Douglas Counties, forcing the evacuation of many people, imperiling infrastructure and destroying several dozen structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has identified that significant portions of the northwest, northeast, and central Wisconsin are at a very high risk of fire; and

**WHEREAS**, high temperatures, low humidity, and strong winds are expected to remain extreme for the next several days; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 National Guard; and


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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statutes §§ 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, 323.12(3), (4), do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a state of emergency exists in Bayfield and Douglas Counties; and
2. Direct all agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist the above-referenced counties as appropriate in this response and recovery effort; and
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist civil authorities for the purposes of assisting in response and recovery effort as well as providing security and other essential services; and
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this Order in emergency status.



**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 fifteenth day of May, in the year two thousand thirteen.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State