



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #157

**Relating to a Declaration of a State of Emergency in Response to
Ongoing Drought and Elevated Wildfire Conditions**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has been experiencing extended conditions of abnormally dry weather conditions statewide, leading to an ongoing statewide wildfire danger and threat that may affect the safety of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service, based upon extended fire weather predictions, has issued and may continue to issue critical fire weather warnings or Red Flag warnings for portions of the State of Wisconsin when conditions occur that include gusty winds, low relative humidity, dry fuels, and widespread drought conditions; and

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 additional personnel and resources may be needed to expedite response and recovery operations;

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 Sections 321.39, 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in potential wildfire response and recovery efforts; and
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; 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 twentieth day of April in the year two thousand fifteen.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State