



STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY
LT. GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER
and
BURNING BAN**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, under the Emergency Management Act, Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, the Governor is responsible for coping with dangers to this state or the people of this state presented by a disaster or emergency or threat thereof, and may issue executive orders, proclamations, and directives having the force and effect of law to implement the Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3 of the Emergency Management Act, 1976 Public Act 390, MCL 30.403, the Governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of disaster if the Governor finds that a disaster has occurred or that the threat of a disaster exists; and

WHEREAS, beginning on May 21, 2012, Luce County and Schoolcraft County sustained widespread and severe damage, and loss of property caused by a wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the wildfire continues to grow due to exceptionally dry and hot weather conditions and shifting wind patterns, and has thus far consumed more than 19,000 acres of land in Luce County and Schoolcraft County; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to evacuate residents and visitors in harm's way, to ensure their health and safety and the health and safety of emergency responders, and to protect property; and

WHEREAS, since May 21, 2012, multiple federal, state, and local agencies and units of government have worked cooperatively and exhaustively, combining manpower and other resources, in an attempt to contain the rapidly spreading wildfire; and

WHEREAS, despite these valiant efforts, the wildfire is not contained and it continues to destroy forest land in Luce County and Schoolcraft County; and

WHEREAS, additional state assistance is needed to supplement existing firefighting capabilities to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe, and to protect and preserve lives and property, and public health and safety in Luce County and Schoolcraft County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD D. SNYDER, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Michigan and provisions of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, do hereby proclaim that a state of disaster exists in Luce County and Schoolcraft County; and

FURTHER, I direct that the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts, and may call upon all state departments to utilize resources at their avail to assist in the disaster area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan; and

FURTHER, pursuant to Section 30.403 of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, I direct and compel evacuation, as of the date of this Proclamation, as may be required by emergency conditions, and upon order of Michigan Department of Natural Resources incident command personnel, for all individuals living or working within that area affected by the disaster in Luce County and Schoolcraft County, who may be in harm's way due to actual or impending fire danger.

FURTHER, pursuant to Section 51507 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, MCL 324.51507, I direct an outdoor burning ban on forest lands and lands adjacent to forest lands, as established by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in the following 49 counties: Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gladwin, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, and Wexford.

FURTHER, pursuant to Section 30.405 of Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, I direct that the sale and use of fireworks in the area affected by the wildfire, is prohibited.

FURTHER, termination of this disaster will occur at such time as the threat or danger to public safety or property caused by the disaster no longer exist and

appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this disaster, but in no case longer than June 21, 2012, unless extended as provided by Act No. 390.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this twenty-fifth day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twelve.



RICHARD D. SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

ON 5/25/12 AT 5:10 AM.