STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Emergency Executive Order 13 - 05

Providing for Assistance to the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center

I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

Whereas, on Monday, May 13th, the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center (MIFC) was managing suppression of 25 wildfires, including a major uncontrolled fire exceeding 4,000 acres in the vicinity of Red Lake, Minnesota; and

Whereas, the National Weather Service has issued Red Flag Fire weather warnings for significant portions of northwest, west central and south central Minnesota due to high temperatures, low humidity, and strong winds and these conditions are expected to remain extreme for the next several days; and

Whereas, changing wind directions are making it difficult to predict what property and infrastructure may be threatened; and

Whereas, state agencies, the State Emergency Operations Center, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the MIFC do not have adequate aviation resources for widespread wildfire suppression; and

Whereas, the MIFC has requested fire suppression and support assets from the Minnesota National Guard.

Now, Therefore, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about May 14th, 2013, in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as

required and for such period of time as necessary to support wildfire suppression in Minnesota; and

- 2. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease, or contract goods and services necessary to accomplish the mission; and
- 3. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay, and allowances of said individuals shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, sections 192.49, 192.52, 192.54, and as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such date as elements of the military forces of the State are no longer required.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 14th day of May 2013.

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Governor

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Secretary of State