

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Emergency Executive Order 21-28

#### Providing Assistance to the State of Washington

**I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

Abnormally high temperatures, historic drought, and dangerous levels of combustible vegetation have resulted in numerous wildfires in the State of Washington this summer. These conditions are endangering life and property, and Washington has committed significant wildfire fighting resources over an extended period.

Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency related to the wildfires on July 6, 2021, and he issued additional restrictions and conditions pursuant to the state of emergency on July 15, 2021. A state of emergency continues in all of Washington's 39 counties.

Affected local, county, and state governments in the State of Washington do not have adequate resources to meet the demands caused by the wildfires, and additional emergency medical evacuation helicopters are needed. As a result, the State of Washington has requested Minnesota Army National Guard helicopter support under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact to supplement local resources.

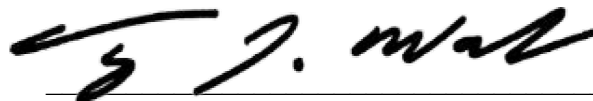
For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General will order to state active duty the people, equipment, and facilities needed to support emergency aerial operations in the State of Washington.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The Adjutant General is authorized to enter into any supplementary agreements with the State of Washington necessary to accomplish the mission.
4. The costs of this assistance shall be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 192.52.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and remains in effect until such date as National Guard resources are no longer required or until it is rescinded by proper authority, whichever occurs first.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on August 6, 2021



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

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