

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 21-29

Providing Assistance to the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center

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:

This summer, Minnesota has experienced abnormally high temperatures and a historic drought resulting in dry conditions conducive to wildfires. There is a wildfire actively burning in the Beltrami Island State Forest, including Lake of the Woods, Roseau, and Beltrami counties, that is threatening life and property near Warroad. The area near the wildfires is experiencing exceptional drought and extreme fire danger conditions exist for all other surrounding counties. Fire danger conditions are expected to remain very high for the next several days.

The State Emergency Operations Center, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Minnesota Interagency Fire Center (“MIFC”) do not have adequate resources to meet the demands caused by the wildfire and for widespread wildfire suppression. As a result, MIFC has requested fire suppression assets from the Minnesota National Guard.

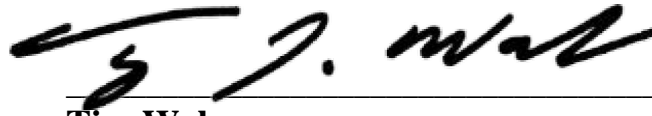
For these reasons, I order as follows:

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 Minnesota.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. 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subdivision 2, and remains in effect until such date as National Guard resources are no longer required or until it is rescinded by proper authority, whichever occurs first.

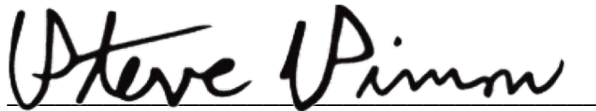
A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on August 15, 2021.

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Tim Walz
Governor

Filed According to Law:

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Filed on August 15, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
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