Emergency Executive Order 16-03

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, a wildfire is currently active in Hubbard County and is threatening property near Lake Hattie Township;

Whereas, approximately the northern two-thirds of the state of Minnesota have an active Red Flag Warning and elevated fire danger conditions exists for all other counties, and these conditions are expected to remain for the next several days;

Whereas, state agencies, the State Emergency Operations Center, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center ("MIFC") do not have adequate mission 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 6, 2016, 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.

2. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease, or contract goods and services necessary to accomplish the mission.
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, subdivisions 1 and 2, 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 6th day of May 2016.

Mark Dayton
Governor

Steve Simon
Secretary of State