Emergency Executive Order 18-12

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 actively burning in Beltrami County and ground access to the fire area is very difficult; and

Whereas, with strong winds and low humidity, the fire danger in northwest Minnesota is categorized as “very high” and those conditions will persist for the next several days; and

Whereas, these conditions make it imperative to suppress this wildfire as quickly as possible; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requires additional wildfire assets, especially aircraft, to accomplish this rapid suppression; and

Whereas, the MIFC has requested wildfire suppression support 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 August 23, 2018 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 of Minnesota is authorized to purchase, lease, or contract for 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; and 192.54, and as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the State Register as soon as possible after its issuance. It remains 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 23rd day of August 2018.

[Signature]
Mark Dayton
Governor

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Steve Simon
Secretary of State