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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Imminent Threat of Wildfires and Extending Executive Orders D 008 06, D 011 06 and D 012 06

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, Colorado Revised Statute § 24-32-2101 *et seq.*, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order declaring that the state of disaster emergency due to the imminent threat of wildfires continues to exist.

1. Background & Need.

Colorado continues to experience varying degrees of drought conditions throughout the state. We must continue to take measures to ensure that the State of Colorado is fully prepared for another active wildfire season in 2006. I issued the following Executive Orders to respond to this disaster emergency. On April 19, 2006, I issued Executive Order D 008 06 declaring a disaster emergency due to the threat of imminent wildfires and allocated certain funds from the Emergency Management Fund for wildfire preparation and suppression activities. On May 19, 2006, I issued Executive Order D 011 06 extending Executive Order D 008 06. On June 19, 2006, I issued Executive Order D 012 06 extending Executive Orders D 008 06 and D 011 06. The drought conditions continue to pose substantial risk to the State of Colorado.

2. <u>Mission and Scope.</u>

- A. I find that a state of disaster emergency continues to exist due to the continued imminent threat of wildfires. I hereby amend and extend Executive Order D 008 06, Executive Order D 011 06 and D 012 06.
- B. I hereby order that each of my directives stated in Executive Orders D 008 06 continue.

3. <u>Duration.</u>

This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from the date of its execution unless extended by Executive Order.

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GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this 19th day of July 2006.

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Bill Owens Governor