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GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

October 25, 2024

The Honorable Stephanie Thomas
Secretary of the State
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Declaration of Civil Preparedness Emergency

Dear Secretary Thomas:

The Hawthorne Fire, which started on October 21, 2024, is one of the most significant brush fires in Connecticut in recent history. Due to the severely dry conditions and lack of rain in the previous two months, the Hawthorne Fire has spread from Berlin to Meriden and potentially threatens other communities. The fire required and continues to require significant resources to keep the public and property safe. Since October 21, 2024, Connecticut has been under a Very High to Extreme Fire Condition to a Red Flag Warning status as determined by the National Weather Service. As of today, October 25, 2024, there is no rain forecasted in the area of the fire or statewide for at least the next 7-10 days. Additional fires continue to start across the state and must be monitored and limited to the extent possible. Connecticut continues to be in the Very High to Extreme Fire Condition status as a result of no rain, increasing winds, temperature, and continuing leaf drop which provides ongoing fuel. Emergency actions were and are required to protect the life and property of Connecticut residents.

Therefore, I hereby proclaim a state of civil preparedness emergency pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-9 for the emergency response of the Hawthorne Fire starting on October 21, 2024, as well as for the continued response to other fires across the state until weather conditions improve, and a significant fire threat is no longer present.



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I am filing this proclamation with you under my hand and seal on this 25th day of October, 2024.

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Governor

TIME: 3:03



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