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**SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

IN THE OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF STATE

## Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation

WHEREAS, at 9:36 a.m., on the morning of August 10, 2021, a large fire erupted at the Interco metalronics recycling facility located at 10 Fox Industrial Drive, in Madison, Madison County, Illinois, approximately two miles north of the St. Clair County line; and

WHEREAS, several fire departments in the Metro East and St. Louis area, as well as the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), are working together to put out the five-alarm fire, with firefighting efforts expected to continue for up to 48 hours; and

WHEREAS, weather officials report that the smoke plume from the fire was seen 5,000 feet in the air and miles away; and

WHEREAS, at least one person was injured at the Interco facility, and the potentially hazardous nature of the smoke and soot from the fire prompted local officials in the City of Madison to issue a request that people within a one-mile radius of the factory should shelter in place; and

WHEREAS, the situation is still evolving, and the weather forecast indicates that a temperature inversion is expected to occur starting at approximately 10:00 p.m. on August 10, which would drive the smoke plume closer to ground level and which may necessitate additional response activities and a more extensive shelter-in-place request directed to potentially thousands of residents in the area affected by the inversion; and

WHEREAS, the weather forecast also indicates prevailing winds mainly to the south and southwest through mid-day on Friday, August 12, 2022, generally in the direction of St. Clair County; and

WHEREAS, reports received by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency indicate that local resources and capabilities have been exhausted, Madison County has issued a local disaster proclamation, and that state resources are needed to respond to and recover from the effects of this fire; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances give rise to an occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from fire, and constitute a disaster as provided in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act; and,

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Illinois that the State will be prepared to address any disasters and, therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional State resources available to ensure that Illinoisans remain safe and secure; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions provide legal justification under section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Act for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution, in Article V, Section 8, provides that “the Governor shall have the supreme executive power, and shall be responsible for the faithful execution of the laws,” and states, in the Preamble, that a central purpose of the Illinois Constitution is “provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the people”;

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois and specifically declare Madison County and St. Clair County as a disaster area. The proclamation authorizes the exercise of all of the emergency powers provided in Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, including but not limited to those specific emergency powers set forth below.

Section 2. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is directed to activate the State Emergency Operations Plan and coordinate State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

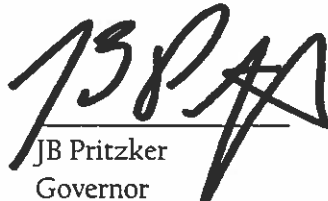
Section 3. To aid with emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law. If necessary, and in accordance with Section 7(1) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7(1), the Governor may take appropriate executive action to suspend additional statutes, orders, rules, and regulations.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 7(3) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7(3), this proclamation activates the Governor’s authority, as necessary, to transfer the direction, personnel or functions of State departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency response programs.

Section 5. All State agencies are directed to cooperate with the Governor, other State agencies and local authorities in the development and implementation of strategies and plans to respond to and recover from the impacts of the present disaster.

Section 6: This proclamation can facilitate a request for Federal disaster assistance if a complete and comprehensive assessment of damage indicates that effective recovery is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments.

Section 7: This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.

  
JB Pritzker  
Governor

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