

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

**PROCLAMATION RELATING TO
THE 2025 WILDFIRE SEASON**

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby determine, designate and proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, wildfires are high-risk threats to the people of Hawai'i, as shown by the catastrophic wildfire that destroyed the town of Lahaina in August 2023;

WHEREAS, dry brush is widespread throughout the State and provides a fuel source for future wildfires;

WHEREAS, in the first half of July 2025, multiple wildfires ignited throughout the State, including two on Oahu which resulted in residential evacuations and one fatality. Emergency proclamations were issued for both Oahu wildfires which required significant government resources to protect public health and safety, property, and natural resources;

WHEREAS, as of July 15, 2025, the U.S. Drought Monitor shows that approximately 53 percent of the State is experiencing moderate, severe, or extreme drought conditions. An additional 33 percent of the State is experiencing abnormally dry conditions;

WHEREAS, the warmest months in Hawaii are typically August and September. As summer progresses, temperatures across the State are likely to increase;

WHEREAS, drought and other conditions exist statewide that contribute to the risk of additional wildfires in all counties. These risks are likely to increase from July into August and September. Considerable government resources are required to mitigate these risks and to contain such wildfires as they ignite to protect the life, health, and safety of the public;

WHEREAS, even small wildfires may quickly intensify and expand to threaten entire communities, requiring widespread evacuations and government response;

WHEREAS, drought and other conditions exist which contribute to an increased risk of severe wildfires, and which constitutes an imminent danger threat of an emergency or disaster throughout the State;

WHEREAS, it is critical that the State be prepared to rapidly deploy personnel and resources such as the National Guard to assist the counties whenever new wildfires ignite and threaten life, safety, or property; and

WHEREAS, it is also critical that the Major Disaster Fund be readily available to fund the government response to wildfires in the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH GREEN, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby determine that an emergency or disaster contemplated by section 127A-14, HRS, is occurring in the State of Hawai'i, and to allow maximum flexibility in the use of State resources to respond to wildfires whenever and wherever they ignite in all counties, authorize and invoke the following emergency provisions, if not already in effect upon this declaration of an emergency:

I. Invocation of Laws

Section 121-30, HRS, and I hereby authorize the Adjutant General to activate such units of the Hawai'i National Guard as may be necessary to assist and aid civilian authorities in disaster relief and in averting any imminent public danger and threat and to ensure the compliance with the civil laws of the State of Hawai'i. In the absence or disability of the Adjutant General, I authorize the Deputy Adjutant General, or the named Acting Adjutant General to activate the National Guard for the same purpose.

Sections 127A-12 and 127A-13, HRS, for county and State agencies to provide emergency relief and engage in emergency management functions as defined in section 127A-2, HRS, as a result of and in response to this event.

Section 127A-12(b)(16), HRS, directing all State agencies and officers to cooperate and extend their services, materials, and facilities as may be required to assist in emergency response efforts.

Section 127A-16, HRS, by activating the Major Disaster Fund.

II. Suspension of Laws

I suspend the automatic application of section 127A-30, HRS, **rental or sale of essential commodities during a state of emergency; prohibition against price increases**, because the automatic application of this provision is not needed for this emergency. The invocations and suspensions of section 127A-30, HRS, contained in any other emergency proclamations are not affected by this Proclamation.

III. Severability

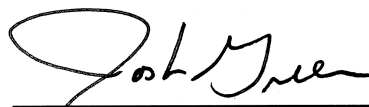
If any provision of this Proclamation is rendered or declared illegal for any reason, or shall be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be modified or deleted, and the remainder of this Proclamation and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby but shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

IV. Enforcement

No provision of this Proclamation, or any rule or regulation hereunder, shall be construed as authorizing any private right of action to enforce any requirement of this Proclamation, or of any rule or regulation. Unless the Governor, Director of Emergency Management, or their designee issues an express order to a non-judicial public officer, no provision of this Proclamation, or any rule or regulation hereunder, shall be construed as imposing any ministerial duty upon any non-judicial public officer and shall not bind the officer to any specific course of action or planning in response to the emergency or interfere with the officer's authority to utilize his or her discretion.

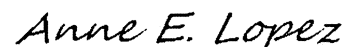
I FURTHER DECLARE that the disaster emergency relief period shall commence immediately and continue through September 16, 2025, unless terminated or superseded by separate proclamation, whichever shall occur first. Notwithstanding the termination of a disaster emergency relief period, any contracts, agreements, procurements, programs, or employment of personnel entered into, started, amended, or continued by reason of the provisions of the proclamation relating to this emergency shall continue in full force and effect.

Done this 18th day of July, 2025



JOSH GREEN, M.D.,
Governor of Hawai'i

APPROVED:



ANNE E. LOPEZ,
Attorney General, State of Hawai'i