

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 07-174

(Emergency Management/Extension of Executive Order 07-118)

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2007, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a state of emergency due to the largest wildfires in Georgia history; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Emergency Assistance Compact ("EMAC"), and in response to the State of Georgia's declared state of emergency, Executive Order 07-87 was issued on May 4, 2007, to expedite the transportation of burnt timber from the State of Georgia into the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2007, Executive Order 07-118 was issued to extend for an additional sixty days portions of Executive Order 07-87; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 07-118 will expire today; and

WHEREAS, select waivers of statutory authority remain essential to assist the State of Georgia in meeting their needs to harvest burnt timber and expedite their recovery from destructive wildland fires; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by Florida's State Emergency Management Act, the EMAC and all other applicable laws, issue the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, I find that the continuation of the activities needed to assist the State of Georgia in its recovery from a series of wildland fires beginning on May 2, 2007, is of critical importance to the State of Florida.

Section 2. I incorporate and extend Executive Orders 07-87 and 07-118 as they relate to the issuance of permits by the Department of Transportation and the suspension of any statute, rule, ordinance, or order needed to assist the State of Georgia.

Section 3. This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from the date hereof unless extended.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE