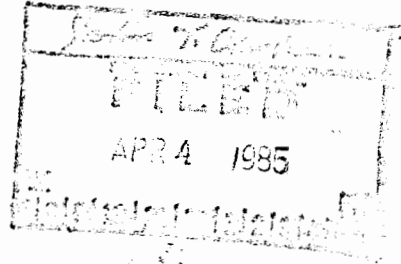
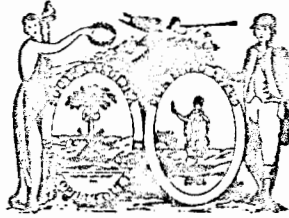


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STATE DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has experienced no appreciable precipitation since February 20, 1985; and,

WHEREAS, we have experienced abnormally high fire occurrences which have inflicted great losses to our forests and resources; and,

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service predicts that the dry conditions will probably continue for another five days; and,

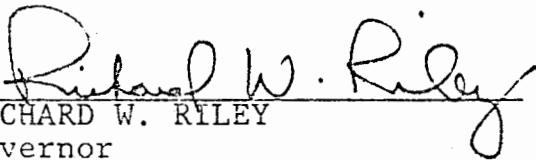
WHEREAS, by reasons of drought, low humidity, high winds, and other conditions, the forests and woodlands in the State are in serious danger of fires; and,

WHEREAS, forest fires constitute a hazard to public safety and welfare and to the property of citizens of this State;

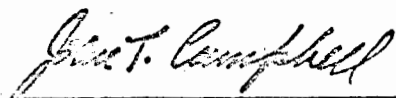
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists and direct that the use of any fire on or adjacent to any forests, woodlands, brushlands, or grasslands of the State shall be prohibited beyond the corporate limits of any town or city.

Further proclamations deemed necessary to insure the fullest protection of life and property during this fire emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 1985.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:


JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State