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Ministerial Order pursuant to clauses 12(1)(c) and 12(1)(e) of *The Emergency Measures Act*, CCSM c E80

The Province of Manitoba is experiencing widespread and severe wildfires and very high to extreme fire danger across the province that requires prompt action to prevent or limit loss of life, harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people and damage to property and the environment.

Pursuant to subsection 10(1) of *The Emergency Measures Act*, C.C.S.M. c E80 (the "Act"), a State of Emergency in the whole of the Province of Manitoba was declared on July 10, 2025. Evacuation orders have been issued for a number of communities in Manitoba due to the serious and widespread risks of wildfires.

Members of Manitoba First Nation communities have been evacuated to various locations throughout Manitoba.

First Nation safety officers are employed by First Nation communities pursuant to Part 7.2 of *The Police Services Act*, C.C.S.M. c. P94.5 to enhance public safety in a First Nation community or group of First Nation communities. They are qualified to provide aid to preserve security to persons and property of those receiving accommodation and related support services in the facilities.

Therefore, in response to the State of Emergency, I, the minister responsible for the administration of the Act, hereby order, that pursuant to clauses 12(1)(c) and 12(1)(e) of the Act, individuals employed as First Nations safety officers are authorized, in furtherance of providing aid and making arrangements for the adequate care and protection of members of First Nations communities, to patrol facilities for the purpose of protecting persons or property and to work in collaboration with the local policing authority when necessary (hereinafter, the "purpose").

I hereby further order that the First Nation safety officers are only authorized to patrol facilities that have been designated by the director of policing for the province of Manitoba (the "facilities").

While carrying out the purpose of this Order, all First Nations safety officers authorized by this Order shall coordinate their activities with the Canadian Red Cross or other persons responsible to coordinate emergency efforts at the facility.

This Order shall remain in effect until such time as the termination or expiry of the State of Emergency, unless sooner revoked.

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Issued on: July 10, 2025

Lisa Naylor
Minister responsible for the
administration of *The Emergency
Measures Act*