## THE GOVERNOR GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

## Amendment to Proclamation

January 15, 1999

Declaration of Drought Emergency in the Commonwealth and Implementing Measures

Whereas, on December 16, 1998, I declared a state of drought and water shortage emergency in twelve counties of the Commonwealth due to a long and continuing period of unusually dry weather, abnormally low stream flows, and reduced groundwater levels and shortages of water supplies within those counties; and

Whereas, the above described drought and water shortage conditions continue to worsen throughout the designated drought emergency area and are expanding to other counties that are located near or adjacent to the designated drought emergency area; and

Whereas, additional resources of the Commonwealth may be needed to assist county and municipal efforts to mitigate and contend with the magnitude and severity of this drought emergency;

Therefore, I, Tom Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S.A. § 7101, et seq., as amended, and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby amend my Proclamation of December 16, 1998, as follows:

- 1. Paragraph 1 of the Proclamation is amended to add the following two counties to the designated drought emergency area: Clinton and Erie.
- 2. All residents of the Commonwealth are urged to conserve water on a voluntary basis and to comply with water use restrictions requested or imposed by the public water supply agencies servicing their areas in order to prevent further water shortages.
  - 3. This Proclamation Amendment shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninetynine, and of the Commonwealth, the two hundred and twenty-third.

Tom Ridge

Governor

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