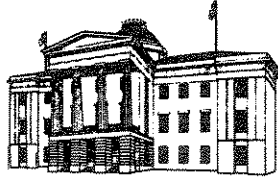


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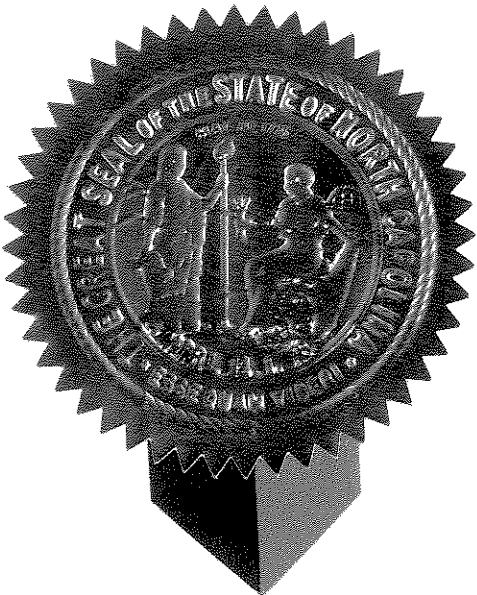
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 135
AMENDING AND EXTENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 123
EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY DROUGHT**

By the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

Executive Order No. 123, regarding emergency relief for damage caused by the drought, is hereby amended to include all 100 counties and is hereby extended until April 30, 2008, based on a review of current market and weather conditions and on the recommendation of the Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

This order is effective immediately and shall remain in affect for the specified time mentioned above or the duration of the emergency whichever is less.

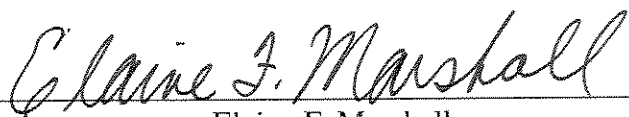
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.





Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State