

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM F. WELD

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 381

WHEREAS, a devastating fire has destroyed the Malden Mills Manufacturing Complex and other surrounding businesses, and

WHEREAS, up to 2000 people are without employment, and

WHEREAS, serious economic damage has been suffered by the Merrimack valley Area, and

WHEREAS, the water supply in Methuen has been seriously depleted, and

WHEREAS, several homes have been seriously damaged, and

WHEREAS, some 200 people have been evacuated from their homes which are without heat and electric power,

NOW, THEREFORE, I William F. Weld, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to the power provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 do hereby issue this proclamation that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the cities of Methuen and Lawrence.

Pursuant to the powers granted to the Governor by the legislature in Sections Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Eight-A, Nine and Ten of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, as amended, and other provisions of law, I shall from time to time issue recommendations, directions and orders as circumstances require.

This proclamation of a STATE OF EMERGENCY is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to my judgement, that the STATE OF EMERGENCY no longer exists.

Given at the Executive Chamber in  
Boston this Twelfth day of December  
in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred  
and ninety-five at 10:35 AM.

William F. Weld, Governor

William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHSUETTS