



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-42**

**DECLARATION OF ABNORMAL DISRUPTION OF THE MARKET DUE TO WILDFIRES**

On August 20, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 20-35 declaring a state of emergency due to the imminent threat of wildfires. This declaration recognized the extreme fire danger presented by hot, dry, windy conditions, as well as a significant risk that wildfires would result in evacuations, threats to critical infrastructure, and the destruction of homes and other structures. In recent days, that extreme danger has materialized, as several fires have burned across Oregon, destroying homes, displacing individuals, and causing injury and loss of life.

ORS 401.965(5) empowers the Governor to declare an abnormal disruption of the market when any emergency prevents ready availability of essential consumer goods and services. My office has received reports that some persons evacuated from fire areas to lodging facilities may be experiencing unusual increases in lodging rates. I am also concerned that that the wildfire emergency may prevent ready availability of other essential consumer goods and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:**

1. Having found that the ongoing wildfires present an emergency that prevents ready availability of essential consumer goods and services, I hereby declare that that an abnormal disruption of the market commenced at 12:00 a.m. on September 9, 2020, in all Oregon counties.
2. Persons who believe that they have been subjected to unconscionably excessive prices for essential consumer goods and services due to this disruption should report that conduct to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection hotline, at 877-877-9392. (Consumers can also visit [www.OregonConsumer.gov](http://www.OregonConsumer.gov).) The Oregon Department of Justice has the authority to investigate unlawful trade practices.