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[A major disaster shall be declared by executive order or proclamation of the Governor if he finds that a major disaster has occurred or is imminent. The state of major disaster shall continue until the Governor finds that the threat or danger has passed or the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that major disaster conditions no longer exist and terminates the state of major disaster by executive order or proclamation. No state of major disaster may continue for longer than 30 days unless renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly by joint resolution may terminate a state of major disaster at any time. Thereupon, the Governor shall issue an executive order or proclamation ending the state of major disaster. All executive orders or proclamations issued under this section shall indicate the nature of the major disaster, the area or areas threatened, and the conditions which have brought it about or which make possible termination of the state of major disaster. An executive order or proclamation shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public and, unless the circumstances attendant upon the major disaster prevent or impede, promptly filed with the State Civil Defense and Disaster Preparedness Agency, the Hall of Records, and the local records-keeping agency in the area to which it applies.]

[6C.]

After THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED a state of emergency [or a major disaster declaration has been made by the Governor], the Director, [under the general supervision of the Secretary,] is responsible for coordinating the activities of the offices of the State government and of those political subdivisions included in the declaration in all actions that serve to prevent or alleviate the ill effects of the imminent or actual [disaster] EMERGENCY. AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OR PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY SHALL ACTIVATE THE DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ASPECTS OF THE STATE AND LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY PLANS APPLICABLE TO THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR AREA IN QUESTION AND SHALL BE AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPLOYMENT AND USE OF ANY RESOURCES TO WHICH THE PLAN OR PLANS APPLY AND FOR USE OR DISTRIBUTION OF ANY SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS AND FACILITIES ASSEMBLED, STOCKPILED, OR ARRANGED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THIS PART OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW RELATING TO EMERGENCIES.

7.

(a) (1) Each political subdivision of this State shall establish a local organization for [civil defense and disaster preparedness] EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL DEFENSE in accordance with the State [civil defense and disaster preparedness] EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT plan and program