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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITIES

THIS COMPACT IS MADE AND ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTICIPATING MEMBER STATES WHICH ENACT THIS COMPACT, HEREINAFTER CALLED PARTY STATES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT, THE TERM "STATES" IS TAKEN TO MEAN THE SEVERAL STATES, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND ALL U.S. TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPACT IS TO PROVIDE FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE STATES ENTERING INTO THIS COMPACT IN MANAGING ANY EMERGENCY OR DISASTER THAT IS DULY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE AFFECTED STATE(S), WHETHER ARISING FROM NATURAL DISASTER, TECHNOLOGICAL HAZARD, MAN-MADE DISASTER, CIVIL EMERGENCY ASPECTS OF RESOURCES SHORTAGES, COMMUNITY DISORDERS, INSURGENCY, OR ENEMY ATTACK.

THIS COMPACT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY-RELATED EXERCISES, TESTING, OR OTHER TRAINING ACTIVITIES USING EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL SIMULATING PERFORMANCE OF ANY ASPECT OF THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF AID BY PARTY STATES OR SUBDIVISIONS OF PARTY STATES DURING EMERGENCIES, SUCH ACTIONS OCCURRING OUTSIDE ACTUAL DECLARED EMERGENCY PERIODS. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS COMPACT MAY INCLUDE THE USE OF THE STATES' NATIONAL GUARD FORCES, EITHER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE COMPACT OR BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATES.

ARTICLE II

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION

EACH PARTY STATE ENTERING INTO THIS COMPACT RECOGNIZES THAT MANY EMERGENCIES TRANSCEND POLITICAL JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES AND THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL IN MANAGING THESE AND OTHER EMERGENCIES UNDER THIS COMPACT. EACH STATE FURTHER RECOGNIZES THAT THERE WILL BE EMERGENCIES WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACCESS AND PRESENT PROCEDURES TO APPLY OUTSIDE RESOURCES TO MAKE A PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO SUCH AN EMERGENCY. THIS IS BECAUSE FEW, IF ANY, INDIVIDUAL STATES HAVE ALL THE RESOURCES THEY MAY NEED IN ALL TYPES OF EMERGENCIES OR THE CAPABILITY OF DELIVERING RESOURCES TO AREAS WHERE EMERGENCIES EXIST.

THE PROMPT, FULL, AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES, INCLUDING ANY RESOURCES ON HAND OR AVAILABLE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER SOURCE, THAT ARE ESSENTIAL