

## (10) ARTICLE 10. AVAILABILITY OF COMPACT; "STATE" DEFINED.

This compact shall be available to any state, possession or territory of the United States, and the District of Columbia. The term "state" may also include any neighboring foreign country or province or state thereof.

## (11) ARTICLE 11. ROLE OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

The committee established pursuant to Article 1 of this compact may request the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States government to act as an informational and coordinating body under this compact, and representatives of such agency of the United States government may attend meetings of such committee.

## (12) ARTICLE 12. COMPACT OPERATIVE ON RATIFICATION.

This compact shall become operative immediately upon its ratification by any state as between it and any other state or states so ratifying and shall be subject to approval by Congress unless prior congressional approval has been given. Duly authenticated copies of this compact and of such supplementary agreements as may be entered into shall, at the time of their approval, be deposited with each of the party states and with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate agencies of the United States government.

## (13) ARTICLE 13. WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPACT.

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each party state until the legislature or the governor of such party state takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until 30 days after notice thereof has been sent by the governor of the party state desiring to withdraw to the governors of all other party states.

## (14) ARTICLE 14. CONSTRUCTION OF COMPACT; SEVERABILITY.

This compact shall be construed to effectuate the purposes stated in Article 1 hereof. If any provision of this compact is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

## (15) ARTICLE 15. ADDITIONAL APPLICABILITY.

(a) This article shall be in effect only as among those states which have enacted it into law or in which the governors have adopted it pursuant to constitutional or statutory authority sufficient to give it the force of law as part of this compact. Nothing contained in this article or in any supplementary agreement made in implementation thereof shall be construed to abridge, impair or supersede any other provision of this compact or any obligation undertaken by a state pursuant thereto, except that if its terms so provide, a supplementary agreement in implementation of this article may modify, expand or add to any such obligation as among the parties to the supplementary agreement.