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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Authorizing Deployment of Colorado National Guard Assets to Washington to Aid and Support Landslide Recovery Operations under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Colorado Constitution, article IV, sections 5 and 13, C.R.S. § 28-3-104, and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), C.R.S. §24-60-2901 *et seq.*, Joseph A. Garcia, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Colorado, issues this Executive Order authorizing the deployment of certain Colorado National Guard assets for the purposes of protecting the life and property, and public health and safety of the residents of the State of Washington.

I. Background and Purpose

On March 22, 2014, a massive landslide tore through the community of Oso, Washington, destroying homes and killing at least twenty-nine individuals. Twenty people remain missing. Rescuers continue to work day and night to attempt to locate more survivors. The State of Washington has requested assistance from the Colorado National Guard to aid and support the ongoing landslide recovery operations. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 28-3-104 and the EMAC, Governor Hickenlooper verbally authorized the activation of the Colorado National Guard to assist with this request on Friday, March 28, 2014. This Executive Order memorializes Governor Hickenlooper's verbal order.

II. Declaration and Directives

I declare and direct, as follows:

- A. The State of Washington has communicated that it is experiencing an emergency disaster within that state which provides a basis for activation of the EMAC and has requested certain resources from the State of Colorado.
- B. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 28-3-104 and the EMAC, as commander-in-chief of military forces, I employ and call to active duty certain elements of the Colorado National

Guard as may be necessary to respond to this landslide in Washington, including 16 Airmen and members of the Fatality Search and Recovery Team. I delegate command authority to the Adjutant General of the Colorado National Guard. I order the Adjutant General of the Colorado National Guard to respond to this request for assistance as necessary and execute the directives contained in this Executive Order.

- C. Pursuant to the EMAC and the state of emergency Governor Inslee has declared in Washington, it is understood that the State of Washington will reimburse the State of Colorado for the approximately \$150,000 in costs for the fulfillment of this request for aid. This \$150,000 is encumbered in the Disaster Emergency Fund for payment of Colorado National Guard expenses. These funds exist in the Disaster Emergency Fund and payment by the State of Washington will restore any funds expended from the Disaster Emergency Fund for this activation. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is authorized to process the appropriate EMAC and state documents to ensure payment to the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and reimbursement by the State of Washington.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from March 28, 2014, unless extended further by Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this second day of
April, 2014

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Garcia", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph A. Garcia
Lieutenant Governor, acting on behalf
of the State while Governor John W.
Hickenlooper is absent from the State.