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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Calling Certain Elements of the Colorado National Guard to Active Duty to Assist with Emergency Response Efforts Related to Hurricane Harvey

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution, and C.R.S. § 28-3-104, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order calling certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to state active duty and implementing the Emergency Management Assistance Compact to assist Texas with emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Harvey.

I. Background and Need

The Southern United States recently suffered one of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history - Hurricane Harvey. The number of lives lost and the amount of property damaged has devastated communities in its path. The State of Texas appears to have endured the most damage from this disaster.

As a party to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, C.R.S. § 24-60-2901 *et seq.*, the State of Colorado is able to provide assistance to states enduring a disaster emergency. The State of Texas, also a party to the Compact, requested Colorado to preposition emergency equipment and personnel to support search and rescue, transportation, and evacuation efforts. Texas also requested that Colorado backfill Texas personnel participating in a mission supporting Aeromedical Evacuation Operations.

By this Order, I call certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to active duty and direct the Colorado National Guard to respond to Texas's request for assistance.

II. Mission and Scope

- A. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 28-3-104, as Commander in Chief of military forces, I hereby employ and call to active duty certain elements of the Colorado National Guard and implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The State of Colorado shall provide support personnel and resources to assist Texas in emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Harvey.
- B. I hereby authorize the Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency management to encumber \$850,000 from the Resource Mobilization Fund, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-705.4(6), to pay for the use of the National Guard's deployment under this Executive Order, which will then be reimbursed by the State of Texas through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. These funds shall remain available for this purpose for twelve months from the date of signature of this Executive Order.
- C. I hereby direct Adjutant General Michael A. Loh of the Colorado National Guard to immediately coordinate and execute all directives issued by this Executive Order.
- D. All verbal orders that I issued in regard to this Order are hereby memorialized by this Executive Order and shall have the full force and effect of law as if they were contained within this Executive Order.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from its date of signature unless extended by Executive Order.



Given under my hand
and the Executive Seal of
the State of Colorado this
thirteenth day of
September, 2017.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor