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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Authorizing Colorado Personnel to Assist Puerto Rico with Emergency Response Efforts Related to Hurricane Maria

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to the Colorado Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, and pursuant to the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.*, and in particular, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-702(1)(f), I, Donna Lynne, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order authorizing personnel from Colorado to assist with emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Maria and, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-60-2901 *et seq.*, implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

I. Background and Need

Puerto Rico, a United States Territory, recently suffered one of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history - Hurricane Maria. The Hurricane resulted in extensive damage to property and critical infrastructure in Puerto Rico, devastating communities across the entire Territory. In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, United States citizens throughout the Territory lacked access to necessities including power, communications services, shelter, and clean drinking water.

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 and certain United States Territories, including Puerto Rico, enduring a disaster emergency. The Territory of Puerto Rico, also a party to the Compact, requested that Colorado send Spanish-speaking mental health support professionals to provide counseling services to local citizens impacted by the Hurricane.

By this Order, I authorize personnel from Colorado to respond to Puerto Rico's request for assistance.

II. Mission and Scope

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- A. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-702(1)(f), as acting Governor of the State of Colorado, I hereby authorize personnel from Colorado to assist with emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Maria.
- B. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-60-2901 *et seq.*, I hereby implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The State of Colorado shall provide personnel to assist Puerto Rico in emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Maria.
- C. Due to the current insufficiency of funds in the Disaster Emergency Fund necessary to pay for the expenses for personnel, I order the transfer of \$260,000 from the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund into the Disaster Emergency Fund pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-706(4)(b). I further encumber \$260,000 in the Disaster Emergency Fund to pay for the use of personnel under this Executive Order, which will then be reimbursed by the Territory of Puerto Rico through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. These funds shall remain available for this purpose for 12 months from the date of signature of this Executive Order.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire 30 days from its date of signature unless extended by Executive Order, except that the funds described in paragraph II C above shall remain available for the described purposes for 12 months from the date of this Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twentieth day of
October, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donna Lynne".

Donna Lynne
Lieutenant Governor, acting on
behalf of the State while Governor
John W. Hickenlooper is absent
from the State