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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Authorizing a second deployment of Colorado National Guard Assets to Nebraska for Flood Fighting Assistance under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and consistent with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), C.R.S. § 24-60-2902, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issues this Executive Order authorizing the deployment of certain Colorado National Guard resources to assist in flood fighting in, and at the request of, the State of Nebraska.

I. Background and Purpose

Nebraska has experienced and is expecting significant rising waters in the Platte River Basin which will likely cause significant flooding, property damage and potential danger to citizens. The Governor of Nebraska has declared a state disaster and has validated to the State of Colorado that Nebraska is threatened by that emergency disaster. In order to mitigate the threat of flooding, Nebraska is undertaking sandbagging operations and requires the support of a UH-60 helicopter, pilots, and crew chief in the North Platte, Nebraska area.

On June 21st, 2011, the State of Nebraska filed with the State of Colorado an EMAC "Form REQ A, 2011" requesting said resources by June 22nd, 2011, to be released July 1st, 2011.

A previous EMAC request from the State of Nebraska for the same purpose and identical Colorado National Guard assets was granted pursuant to Executive Order D 2011-019, executed on June 13th, 2011. However, the State of Nebraska has determined that additional Colorado National Guard resources are necessary given the risk the situation poses to lives of Nebraska citizens.

I find that the conditions under which such resources can be made available and used to meet the emergency needs of the State of Nebraska under the EMAC have been satisfied as a result of the occurrence and imminent threat of emergency disaster described above.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. The State of Nebraska has communicated that it is experiencing an emergency disaster occurring within that state which provides a basis for activation of the

EMAC, and has requested certain resources from the State of Colorado, including certain air assets of the Colorado National Guard.

- B. Consistent with the EMAC and under my authority as the Commander in Chief of the Colorado National Guard, Colo. Const., sec. 5, I hereby authorize and direct the Adjutant General to respond to the State of Nebraska's request for National Guard support of missions required in response to their emergency disaster, as requested by the Director of the Colorado Division of Emergency Management.
- C. Pursuant to the EMAC, all relevant costs to the State of Colorado shall be reimbursed by the State of Nebraska.
- D. The Director of the Colorado Division of Emergency Management and the Colorado Adjutant General or his designee, are authorized and directed to coordinate such assistance to the State of Nebraska.

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 eighth day of
July, 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor