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Amendment to Proclamation

June 26, 1998

Whereas, Two severe weather systems that each included a series of confirmed tornadoes struck the Commonwealth on May 31, 1998 and June 2, 1998 and caused extensive damage to private homes, businesses, public infrastructure and posed other adverse impacts upon the general population of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, due to the two severe weather systems and resultant extensive damage to many areas of the Commonwealth, I declared a State of Disaster Emergency in nine counties of the Commonwealth on June 2, 1998; and

Whereas, on June 3, 1998, June 5, 1998, and June 11, 1998, I amended my Proclamation of Disaster Emergency to add six additional counties to the previously designated disaster emergency area; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth has continued to be affected by a series of severe weather systems during the past two weeks; and

Whereas, on June 23, 1998, one of those severe weather systems struck Tioga County and caused extensive damage to State Highway Route 4024 and its surrounding area; and

Whereas, the damage to State Highway Route 4024 has closed the road to emergency service vehicles and has thereby created a serious concern for the public safety and well-being of residents located in the immediate vicinity of the damaged road; and

Whereas, it is necessary to take immediate steps to provide for the reopening of State Highway Route 4024 in Tioga County and to repair and reconstruct the damaged sections of that highway.

Now Therefore, Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7101 et seq.), I do hereby amend my Proclamation of June 2, 1998, as follows:

1. That portion of Tioga County affected by the June 23, 1998 storm is now declared to be in a state of disaster emergency and is added to the previously designated disaster emergency area.

2. Based upon the above declaration, the immediate repair, reconstruction, or new construction of State Highway Route 4024 is hereby authorized. In addition, I authorize the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to use all available equipment, resources and personnel of the Department and to dispense with time-consuming bid and contract procedures and formalities, in whatever manner he deems necessary, to insure that the damage to State Highway Route 4024 and related facilities and structures is repaired as expeditiously as possible. I hereby waive any laws or regulations that would restrict the application and use of the Department's equipment, resources and personnel to respond immediately and effectively in repairing,

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reconstructing or replacing this highway and related facilities, in conducting any detour operations and in undertaking any new construction, as required.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-second.

Governor

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