

THE GOVERNOR

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Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

February 27, 2002

Whereas, on December 4, 2001, I extended the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency that was issued on September 11, 2001 in response to the acts of terrorism in New York City, New York, Washington, D.C., and Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, there continues to be a need for the Commonwealth to provide supplementary personnel and other resources at critical facilities in Pennsylvania, such as airports and nuclear power plants, in order to provide additional security, monitoring and other measures to protect the safety and well-being of the citizens of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the Federal government, through the Office of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice, has asked all state and municipal governments to commit additional resources, in the form of National Guard and law enforcement personnel, urban search and rescue and hazardous materials response teams and other resources, in order to provide additional emergency response, security and law enforcement resources in the ongoing fight against terrorism, and

Whereas, in response to the request from the Federal government to provide law enforcement, security and other forms of assistance at critical facilities and other locations in Pennsylvania and because there is a need to provide such assistance in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Pennsylvania from possible future acts of terrorism;

Now Therefore, I, Mark Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S. Section 7101 et seq., as amended, and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby amend the Proclamation of September 11, 2001, as follows;

1. The period of the state of disaster emergency is extended from March 9, 2002 through June 7, 2002.

2. I hereby transfer an additional \$500,000.00 in unused appropriated funds to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. The aforementioned funds shall be used for disaster-related expenses incurred by various state agencies and departments. These funds shall be credited to a special account established by the Office of the Budget. All Commonwealth agencies purchasing supplies or services in response to this emergency are authorized to utilize the emergency procurement procedures set forth in Section 516 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, 62 Pa.C.S. Section 516. This Proclamation shall serve as the written determination of the basis for the emergency under Section 516; and

3. I hereby authorize the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania to place on state active duty for the duration of the emergency such individuals and units of the Pennsylvania National Guard as may be needed to provide security and other public safety measures at critical facilities in Pennsylvania and to alleviate the danger to public health and safety caused by the aforementioned emergency; and

4. I hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police to use all available equipment, resources and personnel of the Department, in whatever manner he deems necessary, to ensure that the public health, safety, and welfare of the Commonwealth's citizens are protected at this time of emergency; and

5. I hereby direct that the other operational provisions of the September 11, 2001 Proclamation that remain applicable to the current emergency circumstances in Pennsylvania shall continue in full force and effect.

6. This Proclamation amendment shall take effect immediately from the date of this amendment.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, this twenty-seventh day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and two and of the Commonwealth, the two hundred and twenty-sixth.



Governor

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