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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Directing State Agencies to Prepare Temporary Housing For Evacuees Displaced by Hurricane Katrina

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to § 24-32-2101 *et seq.* and § 24-60-2901 *et seq.* of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order directing certain state agencies to take action to prepare temporary housing for evacuees displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

1. Background and Need

The State of Colorado shall continue to provide assistance to the ongoing emergency relief efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina. By Executive Order D 008 05, I called certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to state active duty to assist affected states with emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Katrina. By Executive Order D 009 05, I declared a state disaster emergency and suspended certain provisions of state regulatory statutes to respond to the disaster emergency caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The evacuation of individuals and families from areas affected by Hurricane Katrina has produced a state of emergency. Evacuees are being taken to safe locations in the region but these cities have exceeded their capacity and capability to provide effective shelter and assistance to displaced citizens. The State of Colorado must provide immediate assistance to address this situation.

The Colorado Disaster Emergency Act bestows special powers to the Governor during periods of a disaster emergency. Section 24-32-2104 of the Colorado Revised Statutes provides that during the existence of a disaster emergency the Governor may “[m]ake provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing.” In addition, section 24-60-2902, Article X, of the Colorado Revised Statutes provides for the interstate reception of civilian evacuees displaced by a disaster emergency under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, on September 3, 2005, I submitted a letter to President Bush requesting federal assistance to cover expenditures

authorized by this Order.

By this Order, I am directing certain state agencies to take action to prepare temporary housing for evacuees displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

2. Mission and Scope

- A. I hereby direct state agencies to make provision for the availability and use of temporary housing to accommodate a set number of individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina in accordance with the disaster emergency I declared by Executive Order D 009 05 and pursuant to § 24-32-2104, C.R.S. and § 24-60-2902, Article X, C.R.S.
- B. For purposes of § 24-32-2104, C.R.S., the state facility housing these evacuees shall be declared a state disaster area.
- C. I hereby authorize the expenditure of funds from the State Disaster Emergency Fund, if necessary, which will be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to my request sent to President Bush on September 3, 2005, for federal assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
- D. I hereby direct state agencies to cooperate and assist with directives issued to carry out this Order.

3. 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 3rd
day of September, 2005.



Bill Owens
Governor