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GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy, currently a Category 1 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph, is projected to impact the Commonwealth of Massachusetts beginning late Sunday or early Monday morning and continuing through Wednesday;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy is expected to impact the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a significant storm surge, torrential rain and tropical storm force winds;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy poses an imminent threat to public safety with potential inland flooding, coastal flooding, beach erosion, power outages, property damage and wastewater overflows;

WHEREAS, coastal and river flooding, storm surges and high winds in low lying areas may require the evacuation of residents as well as damage to public and private property;

WHEREAS, declaring a pre-landfall state of emergency will facilitate the Commonwealth's protection of persons and property from the impacts of Hurricane Sandy and expedite the use of Commonwealth resources, such as the anticipated activation of the Massachusetts National Guard, to provide necessary assistance in the Commonwealth's emergency response and recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will also permit the Commonwealth to request and receive mutual aid assistance from other states through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and is a prerequisite to requesting a pre-disaster emergency declaration from the President of the United States;

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will also facilitate the immediate procurement and deployment of goods and services

necessary to ensuring a prompt and effective response to, and recovery from, the consequences of Hurricane Sandy;

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency will enable the Governor to issue such emergency orders as are necessary to protect the Commonwealth's residents and ensure their health and safety and the security of their property;

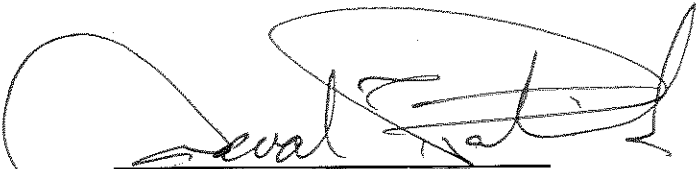
WHEREAS, it is anticipated that once Hurricane Sandy makes landfall local communities will declare local states of emergency and will request resources and support from the Commonwealth's departments and agencies to assist them in dealing with this storm emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to the power provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 do hereby issue this proclamation that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Pursuant to the powers granted to the Governor by the Legislature in Sections Five, Six, Seven, Eight and Eight-A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, as amended, and other provisions of the law, I shall from time to time issue recommendations, directions and orders as circumstances require.

This proclamation of a STATE OF EMERGENCY is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to my judgment that the STATE OF EMERGENCY no longer exists.

Given this 27th day of
October in the year of our
Lord two thousand and
twelve at 12:45
AM/PM.



Deval L. Patrick
Governor