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PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7

NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE AND NATIONAL GUARD SURGE INITIATIVE

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and other applicable law, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Policy.

The United States shall maintain a disaster-response system capable of rapidly delivering lifesaving assistance while controlling administrative cost, reducing duplication, and preserving sufficient professional capacity for long-term recovery. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel shall provide a strong professional core, supported by trained reservists, pre-positioned resources, and lawful National Guard surge capabilities when disasters exceed ordinary civilian response capacity.

Sec. 2. FEMA Core and Reserve Workforce Model.

The Administrator of FEMA shall develop a workforce model distinguishing permanent mission-critical positions from functions suitable for trained reservists, temporary surge personnel, interagency support, or contracted services. Workforce changes shall be based on workload, disaster risk, required skills, response readiness, and applicable law rather than arbitrary numerical reductions.

Sec. 3. National Guard Disaster Surge Planning.

The Secretary of Defense, through the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and in coordination with FEMA and State, territorial, and District of Columbia authorities, shall develop standardized plans for rapid National Guard support during major disasters when lawfully requested or authorized. Planning shall address search and rescue, logistics, transportation, engineering, communications, medical support, debris clearance, supply distribution, and other appropriate disaster missions.

Sec. 4. State Authority and Command.

Nothing in this order shall displace the lawful authority of Governors over National Guard forces operating in State status or under title 32. Federal activation or use of military forces shall occur only under lawful authority. FEMA and the Department of Defense shall establish procedures designed to reduce command confusion and clearly identify Federal, State, and local responsibilities during joint operations.

Sec. 5. Pre-Positioned Disaster Resources.

FEMA shall review regional placement of emergency food, water, medical supplies, generators, communications equipment, temporary shelter materials, fuel-support equipment, and other critical commodities. Pre-positioning plans shall consider hurricane, flood, wildfire, earthquake, severe-storm, and other regional hazards and shall include inventory rotation to reduce waste and expiration.

Sec. 6. Advance Contracts and Logistics.

FEMA and other appropriate agencies shall maintain competitively awarded advance contracts, where lawful and cost-effective, for debris removal, transportation, emergency housing, generators, commodities, communications, and other predictable disaster requirements. Agencies shall periodically test contractor readiness and maintain alternatives to reduce dependence on a single provider.

Sec. 7. Unified Survivor Assistance.

Within 180 days, FEMA, OMB, and participating agencies shall develop recommendations for simplifying Federal disaster-assistance applications, identity verification, case tracking, document submission, and status information. To the extent permitted by law, survivors should not be required to repeatedly provide the same information to multiple Federal programs.

Sec. 8. Rapid Damage Assessment and Payments.

FEMA shall establish measurable targets for initial damage assessment, survivor contact, eligibility decisions, inspections, and payment processing. Automated or remote tools may be used where lawful and reliable, but adverse eligibility decisions shall remain subject to required notice, review, and appeal procedures.

Sec. 9. Interoperable Emergency Communications.

FEMA, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Defense shall identify critical communications interoperability gaps affecting Federal, State, local, Tribal, territorial, and National Guard disaster operations. Plans shall include resilient backup communications capable of operating during commercial power, cellular, or internet failures.

Sec. 10. Long-Term Recovery and Open Disasters.

FEMA shall review long-running disaster declarations and recovery projects to identify unresolved obligations, avoidable administrative delay, inactive projects, and opportunities for lawful closure. Accelerated closure shall not deprive eligible communities or survivors of assistance authorized by law.

Sec. 11. Cost Control and Fraud Prevention.

Disaster spending shall be subject to strong payment-integrity, procurement, grant-monitoring, and anti-fraud controls without unnecessarily delaying lifesaving assistance. Credible evidence of fraud, theft, bribery, false claims, or other Federal crimes shall be referred to the appropriate Inspector General or law-enforcement authority.

Sec. 12. Readiness Exercises.

FEMA and the National Guard Bureau shall conduct regular joint planning exercises for catastrophic disaster scenarios. Exercises shall test logistics, command relationships, communications, mass care, transportation, medical support, supply distribution, and continuity of operations and shall produce corrective-action plans.

Sec. 13. Performance and Accountability.

Within 180 days and annually thereafter, FEMA shall report to the President on response times, workforce readiness, reservist availability, unresolved disaster workload, survivor-assistance processing, contract readiness, logistics capacity, communications resilience, and verified administrative savings.

Sec. 14. Fiscal Efficiency.

OMB and FEMA shall identify recurring administrative savings achievable through consolidation, workforce optimization, advance contracting, improved logistics, and reduction of duplicative processes. Verified savings shall be identified for consideration under the Federal Deficit Reduction and Government Efficiency Initiative without reducing disaster assistance contrary to law.

Sec. 15. General Provisions.

(a) Nothing in this order shall impair authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, a Governor, or other State, local, Tribal, or territorial authority.

(b) Nothing in this order authorizes use of the Armed Forces or National Guard contrary to the Constitution or Federal or State law.

(c) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to available appropriations.

(d) This order does not create any right or benefit enforceable at law or in equity against the United States or any other person.

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Signature: _____