EXECUTIVE ORDER

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REORGANIZING THE DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL;
REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER D.B. 23-B.

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognizes its responsibilities to provide services to meet the needs of its citizens in case of disaster; and

WHEREAS, advance planning for coordination of activities relating to disaster prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery is necessary to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Acts, 1975, 64th Legislature) authorizes the Governor to establish a DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL to advise and assist him in all matters relating to disaster preparedness, emergency services, and disaster recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby revoke, rescind and repeal Executive Order D.B. 23-B and do hereby create and establish the DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL and designate the Director of the Department of Public Safety as Director of the Governor's Division of Disaster Emergency Services. As Director of the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, he shall serve as my designated agent in the administration and supervision of the provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 and may exercise the powers granted to the Governor therein, and may accept from the Federal Government, or any public or private agency or any individual, any offer of services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds as gifts, grants, or loans for the purposes of civil defense or disaster relief and may dispense such gifts, grants, or loans for the purpose for which they were made.

The Director may appoint a State Coordinator, Division of Disaster Emergency Services, to exercise the powers delegated to the Director. The State Coordinator is required to report directly to both the Governor and the Director.

Pursuant to the establishment of the DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL, I hereby designate the Chief Executive Officer of the following state agencies, boards, and commissions and representatives of organized volunteer groups to serve as members of the DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL. Additional agencies may be added by proclamation as required by developing or changing situations.

Adjudant General's Department
Texas Aeronautics Commission
Department of Agriculture
Texas Air Control Board
Attorney General
State Auditor
The Banking Department of Texas
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Board of Control
Texas Education Agency
Texas Employment Commission
Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council
Department of Health
Each of the above designated agencies and groups has legal functions relating to important phases of the State and Federal Disaster Acts. Duties and responsibilities of each such agency or group shall be delineated in the State Emergency Management Plan and Annexes thereto. The Chief Executive Officer of each designated State agency, board, commission, and organized volunteer group, may delegate a member of his staff to represent him on the DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL.

The Division of Disaster Emergency Services shall establish emergency operational areas to be known as Disaster Districts which shall correspond to the boundaries of the Texas Highway Patrol Districts and sub-districts and shall arrange for a District Disaster Committee for each Disaster District to be composed of representatives of each State agency, board or commission having membership on the DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL. The Highway Patrol Commanding Officer of each Highway Patrol District or sub-district shall serve as Chairman of the District Disaster Committee, and report to the Director or the State Coordinator upon direction of the Director on matters relating to disasters and emergencies. Such Highway Patrol Chairman shall be assisted by the Division of Disaster Emergency Services representative assigned to that District who shall provide guidance, counsel and administrative support, as may be required.

The DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL is hereby authorized to issue such directives and executive orders as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 and is further authorized and empowered to exercise the specific powers enumerated in the Act.

In accordance with Section B(f) of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, and because of the disaster vulnerability of all areas of the State, I do hereby designate the Mayor of each municipal corporation, and the County Judge of each county as the Disaster Director/Coordinator for their respective jurisdictions.

This authority may be delegated to a Director/Coordinator who shall serve as Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive Officer of the jurisdiction for disaster preparedness purposes.

In accordance with Sections 4(2) and B(d) of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, a municipality or municipalities and the county in which they are sited may establish, by ordinance and Commissioner's Court Order, a single disaster agency.
In all instances, the Chief Executive Officer of the jurisdiction shall promptly notify the Division of Disaster Emergency Services of the person, or persons, named to head the organization.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 15th day of August, 1979.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

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Secretary of State