Executive Order
WPC 87-6a

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; REORGANIZING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL; REAPPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR; TAKING RELATED ACTION PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER PREVENTION AND RELIEF; AND REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER MW-12 AND AMENDING TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Texas has heretofore enacted the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Article 6889-7, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, to:

(1) Reduce vulnerability of people and communities of this State to damage, injury, and loss of life, and property resulting from natural or man-made catastrophes, riots, or hostile military, or paramilitary action; and

(2) Prepare for prompt and efficient rescue, care and treatment of persons victimized or threatened by disaster;

(3) Provide a setting conducive to the rapid, and orderly restoration, and rehabilitation of persons affected by disaster;

(4) Clarify and strengthen the roles of the Governor, state agencies, and local governments in the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters;
(5) Authorize and provide for cooperation in disaster prevention, preparedness response and recovery;
(6) Authorize and provide for coordination of activities relating to disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery by agencies and officers of this state, and similar state local, interstate, federal-state, and foreign activities in which the state and its political subdivisions may participate;
(7) Provide an emergency management system embodying all aspects of pre-disaster preparedness and post-disaster response;
(8) Assist in the prevention of disasters caused or aggravated by inadequate planning for and regulation of public and private facilities and land use; and
(9) To provide the authority and mechanism to respond to an energy emergency; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 5(c), Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Article 6889-7, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, the Governor is expressly authorized to establish by executive order an EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL composed of the heads of state agencies, boards, and commissions, and representatives of organized volunteer groups to advise and assist him in all matters relating to disaster preparedness, emergency services, energy emergencies, and disaster recovery; and,

WHEREAS, FURTHER UNDER SECTION 6(a), Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Article 6889-7, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, a DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT is established in the Office of the Governor and the Director of the DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT is to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, with the aid and assistance of the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, the Governor may recommend that cities, counties, and other political subdivisions of the state undertake appropriate emergency management programs and assist and cooperate with those developed at the state level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, to be composed of the Chief Executive Officers of the following state agencies, boards, commissions, and volunteer groups:

Adjoint General's Department
Texas Aeronautics Commission
Texas Department of Agriculture
Texas Air Control Board
Texas Attorney General's Office
State Auditor
The Banking Department of Texas
Comptroller of Public Accounts
State Purchasing and General Services Commission
Texas Education Agency
Texas Employment Commission
Texas Department of Health
State Department of Highways and Public Transportation
General Land Office
State Board of Insurance
Texas Economic Development Commission
Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Texas Department of Public Safety
Public Utility Commission
Texas Department of Human Services
Railroad Commission of Texas
Texas Water Commission
Texas Forest Service
Governor's Division of Emergency Management
Texas Department of Community Affairs
American Red Cross
Texas Engineering Extension Service

The specific duties and responsibilities of each member of this group shall be as designated in the State Emergency Management Plan and Annexes thereto. Each member of the group may designate a member of his staff to represent him on the COUNCIL.

I further hereby designate the Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety to serve as Chairman of the COUNCIL and as Director of the DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT of the Governors Office. He shall be my designated agent to exercise the powers granted to me under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 in the administration and supervision of the Act including, but not limited to, the power to accept from the federal government, or any public or private agency or individual, any offer of services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds a gifts, grants, or loans for the purposes of civil defense or disaster relief and may dispense such gifts, grants, or loans for the purposes of civil defense or disaster relief and may dispense such gifts, grants, or loans for the purposes for which they are made without further authorization other than as contained herein. He shall establish emergency operations 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 each Disaster District to be composed of represen-
The Governor

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