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NATURAL DISASTER PLANNING

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is or may be subjected periodically to natural disasters, both statewide and of localized nature; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of State, county and local government to alleviate suffering and damage from such disasters; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan is required to delineate the responsibility of all agencies and officials of government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine Natural Disaster Plan is outdated and not in conformance with Federal Regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby direct all state agencies and officials to cooperate and coordinate with the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness in the revision and maintenance of a Natural Disaster Plan. In particular, each State department shall:

1. Not later than December 1, 1974, designate in writing to the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness a principal coordinator and one alternate coordinator for the department and for each bureau within the department; and

2. Provide access to resource and background information necessary to the development of a comprehensive plan, and technical assistance in preparing portions of the plan applicable to said agency; and

3. Assist in developing an annex to the plan, indicating responsibility and specific actions during all disaster phases for the department and/or bureau level; and

4. Provide information on all mutual aid and assistance pacts currently in effect; and

5. Assist in evaluating the initial plan draft and the final draft plan, and in preparing periodic revisions of the final plan; and

6. Provide sufficient personnel to accomplish the foregoing tasks, as well as to test the final plan and to effect its actual implementation whenever necessary.

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