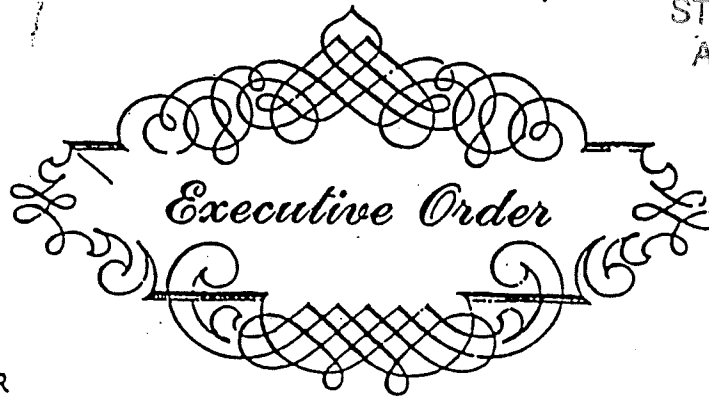# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Executive Order

OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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DATE July 6, 1988

AN ORDER
ESTABLISHING A STATE OF MAINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
AS A PART OF MAINTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE STATE
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

WHEREAS, prevention of damage, injury, loss of life or property is among the highest priorities of state government; and

WHEREAS, several state agencies typically share responsibility for state emergency preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, pursuant to 37 MRSA Chapters 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21, is required to have emergency preparedness plans for all potential hazards, natural and technical; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 37 MRSA Chapter 13, the Maine Emergency Management Agency is charged with the responsibility of preparing and keeping a comprehensive State Emergency Preparedness Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine comprehensive emergency preparedness plans describe the responsibilities and participation of appropriate state agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the State Emergency Response Team.

PURPOSE

The State Emergency Response Team is charged to: 1) assist in the preparation of a comprehensive State Emergency Preparedness Plan; 2) respond to area or statewide emergencies by reporting to the State Emergency Operations Center in order to coordinate the efforts of respective state agencies; and 3) assist in appropriate recovery efforts.

MEMBERSHIP

The State Emergency Response Team shall consist of the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency; the Operations Officer of the Maine Emergency Management Agency; the Commissioner of Transportation or his designee; the Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee; the Commissioner

of Environmental Protection or his designee; The Adjutant General or his
designee; the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee; the Commissioner of
Conservation or his designee; the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
or his designee; the Commissioner of Marine Resources or his designee; the
Director of the Division of Health Engineering, Department of Human Services
or his designee; and the Director of Emergency Medical·Services, Department
of Human Services or his designee.

OFFICERS

The Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency will serve as Chair
of the State Emergency Response Team.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

All members of the State Emergency Response Team shall be designated in
writing to the Chair no later than July 15, 1988. The Chair is directed to·
report to the Governor on the status of the efforts of the State Emergency
Response Team by January 31st of each year.

As requested by the Chair, each team member shall:

1. provide assistance and information to prepare portions of the plan
   applicable to that team member's agency as part of the State
   Emergency Preparedness Plan;

2. assist in evaluation of the initial and final drafts of the State
   Emergency Preparedness Plan;

3. participate in tests of the State Emergency Preparedness Plan;

4. respond, on the call of the MEMA Director or Operations Officer, to
   actual implementation of the State Emergency Preparedness Plan as
   emergency conditions dictate.

The Chair, with the advice and consent of the .Governor, may appoint ad hoc
members to the State Emergency Response Team depending on the type of
emergency.

ADMINISTRATION

The Maine Emergency Management Agency will provide and maintain the
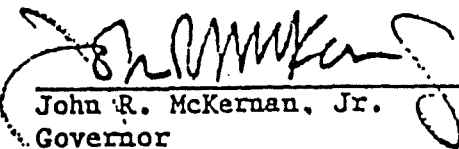necessary administrative and technical staff to carry out this order.

COMPENSATION

All necessary expenditures incurred by members while in the performance of their duties on the State Emergency Response Team Team which are authorized by Maine State Law and current union contracts shall be borne by their affiliated agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this order is June 27, 1988. This Executive Order supercedes Executive Order 34 FY 74-75.

John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor