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THE GOVERNOR

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CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING

WHEREAS, every Maine community is exposed to multiple hazards, all of which have the potential to disrupt the community, damage property and cause loss of life; and

WHEREAS, such emergencies arise from many sources, such as dangerous chemicals, radioactive materials, urban fires, nuclear power plant accidents, natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, internal disturbances such as riots, demonstrations, prison breaks, strikes leading to violence, energy and material shortages, and military attack by a hostile power; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, pursuant to Executive Order 11 FY 84/85 (May 16, 1985), cannot presently provide specific crisis relocation contingency planning for nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, pursuant to National Security Decision Directive Number 259 (February 4, 1987), has since required states seeking federal funds under the Civil Defense Act, 50 USCA §§2251 et seq (1951 & Supp. 1989), to prepare such a plan; and

WHEREAS, compliance with Executive Order 11 FY 84/85 contravenes Presidential Directive NSDD 259 and thus jeopardizes the State of Maine's eligibility for federal funds under the Civil Defense Act; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of those funds is critical to guarantee the emergency management readiness required by the Maine Civil Emergency Preparedness Act, 37-B MRSA §§701 et seq (1989);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, in accordance with the authority granted in 37-B MRSA §741 (1989), do hereby rescind Executive Order 11 FY 84/85 and direct the Maine Emergency Management Agency to continue to develop, consistent with the national security directives issued by the President of the United States, an Integrated Emergency Management plan to deal with major disasters or emergencies in the State of Maine.

The effective date of this Order August 23, 1989.

John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor