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Roy Cooper, Governor

Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: William C. Ray, Director, Division of NC Emergency Management

FROM: Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary *EMJ*

SUBJECT: Delegated Authority

Pursuant to Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, entitled “North Carolina Emergency Act,” and the delegation and sub-delegation from Governor Cooper in Executive Order 241, I am responsible to the Governor for state emergency management activities. In this capacity, I am authorized to carry out the functions of the state emergency management programs, including the coordination of emergency management activities of all state agencies within the State of North Carolina. On November 29, 2021, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.11(4), I sub-delegated to Mr. Ray all authority delegated to me by the Governor or by statute to carry out the Emergency Management functions set forth in Article 1A, Part 2, State Emergency Management, of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The Division of North Carolina Emergency Management (“NCEM”) helps local and state partners secure federal funding as a pass-through agency for federal block grants and some state appropriated and fee-based grant programs as well. NCEM is tasked with these responsibilities pursuant to the North Carolina Emergency Management Act. See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.12(13). These grants aid, develop and implement programs and processes to address the state's ability to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from all hazards, both man-made and natural. These grants include but are not limited to:

1. Homeland Security Grant Program (“HSGP”). HSGP provides funds for homeland security and emergency operations equipment, exercises, training, and planning. (Federal)
2. Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (“EMPG”). EMPG funds are used to support comprehensive emergency management at the state and local levels. (Federal)
3. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (“HMEP”). HMEP provides funding for training and planning for potential emergencies related to hazardous materials. (Federal)
4. Nonprofit Security Grant Program (“NSGP-S”). Funding support for security-related and physical security enhancements to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. (Federal)

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5. NC Tier II administered by the State Emergency Response Commission grants provide funds for hazardous materials emergency response planning, training, and exercises. (State)
6. Competitive Emergency Management Grants (“CEMG”). CEMG funds are for counties with 210,000 or fewer people to ensure local emergency management are adequately equipped, trained, and prepared for all hazards and emergencies. (State)
7. Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund (“DRMF”). The DRMF funds are for local governments and nonprofits to apply for grants for flood mitigation and predevelopment and technical assistance for shovel ready projects related to disaster relief and flood mitigation. (State)
8. Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (“TIRF”). The TIRF funds allows for State agencies, local governments, and nonprofit corporations to apply for funds to ensure transportation resilience against natural disasters. (State)

To efficiently manage and execute the grant agreements for these federal block grants and some state appropriated grants, I hereby delegate to Director of Emergency Management, William C. Ray, the authority to sign on my behalf for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, any emergency management or homeland security related federal block grants, the state-wide mutual aid agreements, and certain fiscal and non-fiscal memorandums of agreement (“MOA”) or memorandums of understanding (“MOU”). This delegation is not intended to remove my authority to act on these grants described herein, but only to provide Director Ray, the authority to act on my behalf. This delegated authority requires consultation and approval of procedures and terms by the Office of General Counsel and the Department Budget Office prior to execution.

Agreements, MOA/MOUs which are signed by other cabinet or principal department agency heads, the Office of State Budget and Management, federal government agencies and litigation settlements above the delegated amount will remain with the Secretary for signature unless otherwise directed.

Furthermore, I delegate my authority to settle some claims arising against the Division of North Carolina Emergency Management and/or its employees to Director William C. Ray. This authority shall not exceed \$50,000.00, and any settlement reached shall require consultation with the Office of General Counsel and the Department’s Budget Office prior to its execution.

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