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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND/OR NATURAL
DISASTER IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO BY
THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO

EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: There appears to me that a state of emergency exists in the Island of Puerto Rico, and specifically in the Municipality of Vega Baja and neighboring areas, due to natural disaster resulting from the torrential rains produced by a tropical trough, and that loss of life and property has reached a point of extreme concern for the government and the people of Puerto Rico, and

WHEREAS: The protection of life and property are beyond the capabilities of civilian authorities as of this moment, and

WHEREAS: Sections 207b, 225, 226, 228 and 229 of the Puerto Rico Military Code, Public law 62, of June 23, 1969, as amended, empowers the Governor to call out the Puerto Rico Military Forces to support the civilian authorities in the mission of rescue, protection of life and property, maintenance of law and order and to provide such services as may be required to alleviate suffering.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Rafael Hernández Colón, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Forces of this Commonwealth do hereby find, determine and declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and specifically in the Municipality of Vega Baja and neighboring areas, which is so grave as to require that in the exercise of my prerogative, duties and power, as Governor, the Puerto Rico Military Forces be called to State Active Military Service, and I hereby order and do proclaim that such

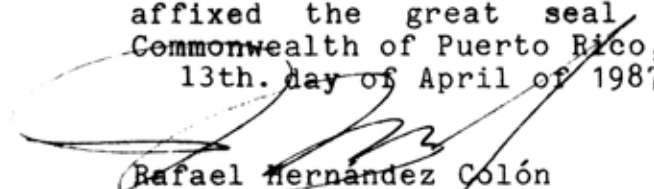
part of the Puerto Rico Military Forces as is necessary to render all necessary assistance to the Civilian Authorities of this Commonwealth, be called, mobilized and ordered to State Active Military Service to protect life and property, and to provide such other services as may be necessary therefore, including, but without limitation, transportation, feeding and medical services.

I hereby expressly delegate to the Adjutant General of Puerto Rico the power to determine from time to time the identity of the units and the men that will be called to State Active Military Service, according to the directives and orders that I will give to him as Governor.

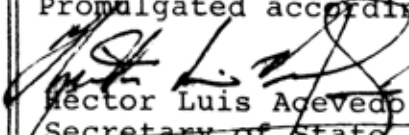
I hereby expressly authorize for the payment of the officers and enlisted men of the Puerto Rico Military Forces; that are mobilized and render services hereby ordered; that the pay for said services be equal to that received by the officers and men of equal rank serving with the Armed Forces of the United States of America, as provided by Section 223 and 224 of the Military Code of Puerto Rico, Law No. 63 of June 23 of 1969, as amended.

I hereby request all the citizens and residents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and all persons within its territory and jurisdiction to obey the instructions and orders of the Puerto Rico Military Forces, and to go about their legitimate, lawful pursuits immediately. This order is issued to warrant and insure the protection of life and property of all citizens, and I appeal to and request all persons to cooperate loyally with the authorities in the restoration of normal life conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the great seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, this 13th. day of April of 1987.


Rafael Hernández Colón
Governor

Promulgated according to Law, this 13th. of April of 1987


Néstor Luis Acevedo
Secretary of State

