

Written Confirmation of Verbal Declaration

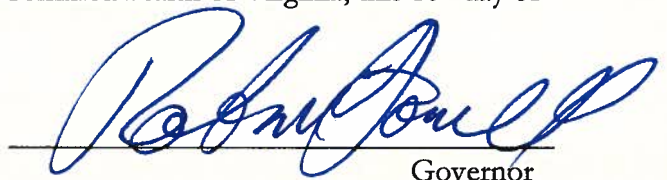
On January 10, 2014, I verbally declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia to support assistance to West Virginia for the transit of emergency supplies from and through Virginia bound to West Virginia. The health and general welfare of the citizens require that state action be taken to ensure that all necessary state and local assets are deployed and that the government is able to act in order to respond to and mitigate the conditions caused by this disaster. The effects of this event constitute a disaster wherein human life, as well as public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and Director of Emergency Management; and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby confirm, ratify, and memorialize in writing my verbal orders issued on this date, on which I proclaimed that a state of emergency exists and I directed that appropriate assistance be rendered by agencies of both state and local governments to prepare for impacts of the event, respond to or alleviate any conditions resulting from significant events, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities in order to return impacted areas, as much as possible, to pre-event conditions. In accordance with my authority contained in § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby authorize:

- A. The Departments of State Police, Transportation, and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, over width, registration, or license exemptions to all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies or providing restoration of utilities (e.g. including but not limited to; electricity, gas, phone, water, wastewater, cable, and debris and refuse removal) in and through any area of the Commonwealth in order to support disaster response and recovery, regardless of their point of origin or destination.
- B. The State Coordinator of Emergency Management to grant limited exemption of hours of service worked for purposes of providing direct relief or assistance as a result of this disaster, pursuant to § 52-8.4 of the *Code of Virginia* and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 390.23 and Section 395.3.

My Verbal Order, memorialized by this document, shall be effective January 10, 2012, and shall remain in effect until replaced by an Executive Order which is forthcoming.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

  
Governor