

# THE GOVERNOR

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

### Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

March 4, 2003

*Whereas*, on November 26, 2002, then-Governor Mark Schweiker extended the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency that was issued on September 11, 2001, in response to the acts of terrorism in New York City, New York, Arlington, Virginia, and Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

*Whereas*, the Federal government, through the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice, has asked all state and municipal governments to commit additional resources, in the form of National Guard, law enforcement personnel, emergency management personnel, and other resources, in order to provide additional emergency response, security and law enforcement capabilities in the ongoing fight against terrorism; and

*Whereas*, in response to the request from the Federal government to commit additional resources, in the form of National Guard, law enforcement personnel, emergency management personnel, and other resources, and because there is a need to provide such assistance in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Pennsylvania from possible future acts of terrorism;

*Now Therefore*, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. Section 7101 et seq., and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby amend the Proclamation of September 11, 2001, as follows:

1. The period of the state of disaster emergency is extended from March 4, 2003, through April 30, 2003;
2. I hereby transfer an additional \$600,000.00 in unused appropriated funds to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. The aforementioned funds shall be used for emergency assistance and personnel expenses incurred by state agencies and departments. These funds shall be credited to a special account established by the Office of the Budget. All Commonwealth agencies purchasing supplies or services in response to this emergency are authorized to utilize the emergency procurement procedures set forth in Section 516 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, 62 Pa.C.S. Section 516. This Proclamation shall serve as the written determination of the basis for the emergency under Section 516;
3. I hereby direct that the other operational provisions of the September 11, 2001 Proclamation that remain applicable to the current emergency circumstances in Pennsylvania shall continue in full force and effect; and
4. This Proclamation amendment shall take effect immediately from the date of this amendment.

*Given* under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and three and of the Commonwealth, the two hundred and twenty-seventh.



Governor

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