

September 29, 2022

Major General Bret Daugherty The Adjutant General Washington Military Department Building 1, MS: TA-20 Camp Murray, WA 98430-5000

RE: Activating four members of the Washington National Guard in response to a Mutual Aid Request by a Signatory Member State of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact to provide communication support and capabilities in support of Hurricane Ian response efforts in Florida

Dear Major General Daugherty:

Today, the state of Florida submitted a mutual aid request to the state of Washington, under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, for four qualified Washington National Guard members to provide communication support in response to communication and power outages resulting from the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Ian making landfall in Florida.

As you know, the state of Washington is a signatory to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, a mutual aid agreement ratified by U.S. Congress (PL 104-321) and enacted as law in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands, necessary for coordinating emergency preparedness, response, and recovery measures for emergencies, disasters, or hostilities affecting or potentially affecting any of those jurisdictions.

According to the requesting state, there is a need for communications support in the region. Under RCW 38.08.040, I may order the Washington National Guard, or any part thereof, into active service of the state to perform such duty as I deem proper when required for the public health, safety, or welfare. I find that supporting this mutual aid request is required for the protection of the public peace, health, safety, and support of government and public institutions.

I find this mutual aid request to be a valid request in accordance with the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact and RCW 38.10.010. As such, I grant the Military Department mission authorization to proceed with fulfilling this request within the scope of the standard operating procedures set forth in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

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Therefore, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, pursuant to RCW 38.08.040, order into temporary active state service four members of the Washington National Guard to support response efforts in Florida, from 29 September to 14 October 2022, as may be necessary and deemed appropriate for the circumstances described above in the opinion of The Adjutant General of the Washington State Military Department.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee Governor