EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER EIGHTY-NINE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND TO ASSIST DELAWARE RESERVISTS ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM WHO HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS FINANCIAL HARM AS A RESULT OF MOBILIZATION

WHEREAS, since August 1990, the United States of America, acting in concert with resolutions of the United Nations and with other nations, has deployed its armed forces to the Persian (Arabian) Gulf to liberate the Emirate of Kuwait, and protect other countries in the region; and

WHEREAS, members of the Delaware Army and Air National Guard and Delawareans who are members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve have been and will be called into active Federal Service; and

WHEREAS, many of the said Delawareans, and their dependents, have suffered serious economic and financial hardships due to income reductions resulting from such call to Federal Service; and

WHEREAS, many individuals and organizations desire to extend financial aid and assistance to ameliorate the hardships of Delawareans called to active Federal Service and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, the State Area Command of Delaware, commanded by the Adjutant General of the State of Delaware, has been directed by the Department of Defense of the United States to plan, organize, and manage the Defense Family Assistance Program within the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Delaware to minimize the hardships to its people arising from call to active Federal Service for Operation Desert Shield/Storm.
NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order the following:

1. The Adjutant General of the State of Delaware is authorized and directed to establish and maintain "The Delaware National Guard and Reserve Emergency Assistance Fund" (hereinafter the "DNGREAF"). The DNGREAF shall be an instrumentality of the State of Delaware, separate from the General Fund or any special fund of the State.

2. Under rules and regulations prescribed by the Adjutant General, the DNGREAF shall:

   a. Receive, collect and accept donations of money from whatever source or origin for the benefit of

      (1) Residents of the State of Delaware who are members of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces of the United States who were ordered to or volunteered for active Federal Service as a result of Operation Desert Shield/Storm or the dependents of such residents; and

      (2) Members of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces of the United States whose units were permanently stationed in the State of Delaware at the time these units were ordered to active Federal Service for Operation Desert Shield/Storm or the dependents of such members.

   b. Disburse and pay to eligible persons (para. 2a), such funds as may be necessary and appropriate to alleviate financial hardship resulting from the call of a reservist to active Federal Service as a result of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

   c. Be managed in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Adjutant General of the State of Delaware. These procedures will specify periodic reports to be submitted to the Governor, on the activities of the DNGREAF.

3. The DNGREAF shall not pledge, encumber or obligate in any way the credit of the State of Delaware.

APPROVED this 15th day of February, 1991.

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State