

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER FORTY-THREE

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 ANY MOBILIZATION OF ANY DURATION WHO HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS FINANCIAL HARM AS A RESULT OF MOBILIZATION

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, the United States of America, acting in concert with other nations, has deployed its armed forces to the Persian (Arabian) Gulf to fight terrorism and protect the 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 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 mobilizations of any duration;

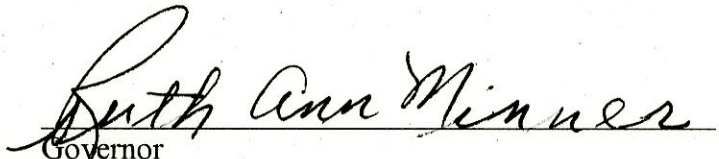
NOW THEREFORE, I, RUTH ANN MINNER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, HEREBY ORDER ON THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2003:

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

maintained as a separate fund, 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, and who were ordered to or volunteered for active federal service as a result of mobilizations of any duration;
 - (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 as a result of mobilizations of any duration; and
 - (3) The dependents of persons described in subparagraphs (1) and (2).
 - b. Disburse and pay to eligible persons (as defined in subparagraph (a)) 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 mobilizations of any duration.
 - c. Be managed in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Adjutant General of the State of Delaware. These procedures shall ensure sound management of funds deposited in the DNGREAF, and equitable distribution of those funds to eligible persons. 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.




Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State