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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 50

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut faces significant economic, social and environmental risks from extreme weather events including tropical storms, hurricanes, storm surges, flooding, blizzards, ice storms, extreme high winds, extreme heat, and slow onset events such as sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, ninety-five percent (95%) of Connecticut's population lives within 50 miles of the coast and sixty-four percent (64%) of value of the state's insured property is located in the coastal area making Connecticut second in the nation in terms of the value of potential property losses resulting from shoreline vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast more than in any other region of the United States has experienced an increase in extreme precipitation making the region even more vulnerable to flood events; and

WHEREAS, extreme weather conditions are not exclusively a coastal concern and winter weather phenomenon, including blizzards and ice storms are also increasing in intensity and frequency impacting the quality of life, public health and the economic security of Connecticut residents resulting in significant costs associated with clean-up and property damage statewide; and

WHEREAS, through Executive Order No. 34 Connecticut has adopted the United States Department of Homeland Security National Incident Management System ("NIMS") as the recognized standard system for the management of domestic incidents that affect the health, welfare, safety and security of the residents of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, NIMS provides the critical emergency management that is necessary to address readiness, first responder safety and effectively management critical incidents, but the state must also utilize its resources to on an on-going basis understand the state's current and changing areas of vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (the Institute), a University of Connecticut and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection collaborative, has improved, and will continue to improve the scientific understanding of the threat, probability and consequences of a changing climate on coastal and inland floodplain communities and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Institute is working to develop and demonstrate best practices in natural science, legal, urban design, planning, financial and public policy to build climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut is meeting challenging greenhouse gas emission reduction goals by promoting better transportation opportunities, including public transportation such as CTfastrak, expanding commuter rail service and promoting alternative fueled vehicles while ramping up state investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative work by Connecticut's state agencies in support of the state's application for the United States Housing and Urban Development's Natural Disaster Resilience Competition by State Agencies Fostering Resilience ("SAFR") has improved the communication, understanding, planning and leveraging of state investments, both between state agencies, as well as state and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut recognizes that resilient communities are better equipped and prepared to resist and rapidly recover from the shock of all-hazard events with less disruption to the health, safety and quality of life of our residents; and

WHEREAS, continued collaboration among SAFR can further reduce the loss of life and property, ecological and economic damage, social disruption and enhance the resilience of the state's associated critical infrastructure systems;

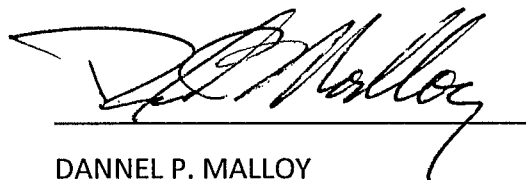
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, acting by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Connecticut, do hereby **ORDER and DIRECT** that:

- 1) The working group State Agencies Fostering Resilience is hereby disbanded;
- 2) There is established a new State Agencies Fostering Resilience Council ("SAFR Council") that shall be responsible for the following scope of work:
 - a) collaborate on the creation of a Statewide Resilience Roadmap based on the best climate impact research and data including extensive research studies that inform land use patterns; and
 - b) assist the Office of Policy and Management ("OPM") in the creation of state policy on Disaster Resilience by using science based, forward looking risk analysis; and
 - c) coordinate with NIMS informed recovery plans and protocols; and
 - d) ensure that information developed as part of subsections (a) and (b) is incorporated into the planning processes of SAFR Council member agencies, including but not limited to the State Plan of Conservation and Development, State Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Comprehensive Energy Strategy; and
 - e) support municipalities in incorporating the same information into their coastal resilience plans and local plans of Conservation and Development; and
 - f) coordinate with the Long Term Recovery Committee and the Governor's Council on Climate Change to implement a holistic approach to adaptation, resilience and recovery.
- 3) The SAFR Council shall have the following twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor:
 - a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the Secretary's designee, who shall serve as chair,
 - b) The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - c) The Commissioner of the Department of Housing, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - d) The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - e) The Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - f) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - g) The Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - h) The Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - i) The Commissioner of the Department Administrative Services, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - j) Vice President for Research, University of Connecticut, or the Vice President's designee,

- k) The Executive Directors of one (1) university based research institution with the mission of increasing the resilience and sustainability of vulnerable communities along Connecticut's coast and inland waterways and/or studying and reshaping human settlements through research and design, with the goal of advancing urban sustainability, or the Executive Director's designee,
 - l) The Executive Director of one (1) statewide organization responsible for representing at least fifty percent (50%) Connecticut's 169 municipalities, or the Executive Director's designee.
- 4) Members of the SAFR Council shall serve two-year terms from the first day of November in the year in which they are appointed and until a successor has been appointed. All members of the SAFR Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- 5) The SAFR Council shall be administered by OPM, which will provide staff support.
- 6) The SAFR Council shall;
- a) Meet at least quarterly at dates, times and locations to be established by the chair and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum;
 - b) Establish interim goals, that when met will increase resilience by 2050;
 - c) Report its findings to the Governor and the Office of Policy and Management in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 22a-200a, no later than July 1, 2016 and biannually thereafter.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 26 day of October 2015.



DANNEL P. MALLOY
Governor

By His Excellency's Order



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

