

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND/OR NATURAL  
DISASTER IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO BY  
THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO

EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: I am aware that a state of emergency exists in the Island of Puerto Rico, due to the natural disaster resulting from the torrential rains produced by a tropical depression, and that the imminence of loss of life and property has reached a point of extreme concern for the government and the People of Puerto Rico, and

WHEREAS: The protection of life and property are beyond the capabilities of civilian authorities as of this moment, and,

WHEREAS: Sections 207b, 225, 226, 228 and 229 of Puerto Rico's Military Code, Public Law 62, of June 23, 1969, as amended, empowers the Governor to call out Puerto Rico's Military Forces to support civilian authorities in the mission of rescue, protection of life and property, maintenance of law, and order, and to provide such services as may be required to lessen the suffering.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Sila Calderón, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Forces of this Commonwealth, do hereby find, determine and declare that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which is so serious as to require that the

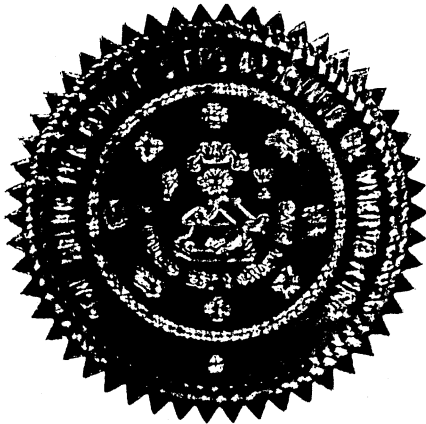
Puerto Rico Military Forces be called to State Active Military Service; in consequence thereof, in the exercise of my prerogatives, duties and powers as Acting Governor, I hereby order and proclaim that such part of the Puerto Rico Military Forces as may be necessary to render all necessary assistance to the Civilian Authorities of this Commonwealth, be called, mobilized and ordered to State Active Military service, to protect life and property, and to provide such other services as may be necessary, thereby; including, but without limitation, transportation, food and medical services.

I hereby expressly delegate on the Adjutant General of Puerto Rico, the power to determine from time to time the identity of the units and the men that will be called to State Active Military Service, according to the directives and orders that I as Acting Governor, shall impart on him.

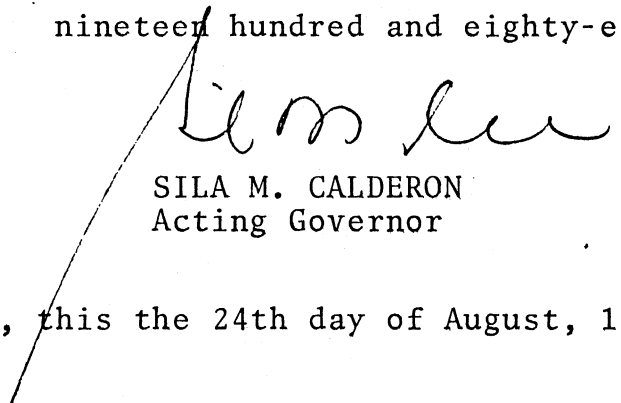
I hereby expressly authorize for the payment of officers and enlisted men of the Puerto Rico Military Forces, that are mobilized and render services as hereby ordered; that the pay for said services be equal to that received by the officers and men of equal rank serving with the Armed Forces of the United States of America, as provided by Section 223 and 224 of the Military Code of Puerto Rico, Law #63 of June 23, 1969, as amended.

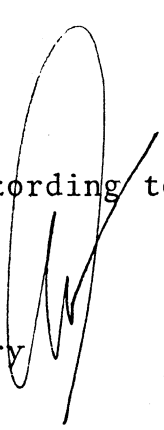
I hereby request all citizens and residents of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all persons within its territory and jurisdiction, to obey the instructions and orders of the Puerto Rico's Military Forces, and to go about their legitimate, lawful

pursuits immediately upon being asked or ordered to. This order is issued to warrant and insure the protection of life and property of all citizens, and I appeal to and request all persons to cooperate loyally with the authorities in the restoration of normal life conditions.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, at the Capital City, San Juan, Puerto Rico, this the 24th day of August, A.D. nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

  
SILA M. CALDERON  
Acting Governor

Promulgated according to law, this the 24th day of August, 1988.

ANGEL L. REYES  
Acting Secretary  
of State