State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2011-4

An Order Establishing the New Hampshire Disaster Relief Fund 2011

WHEREAS, New Hampshire was severely impacted by Tropical Storm Irene on August 27 and 28, 2011 and thereafter, suffering high winds and flooding that resulted in the declaration of a state of emergency throughout the State and the issuance by the President of the United States of a Major Disaster Declaration for Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Merrimack and potentially other counties; and

WHEREAS, homes, businesses and personal property were damaged or destroyed in many areas across the State; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the State to provide a means to collect and distribute private donations to help people in need recover from the storm, particularly those persons whose disaster related needs may not be adequately met by federal assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by RSA 4:8 and Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order the following:

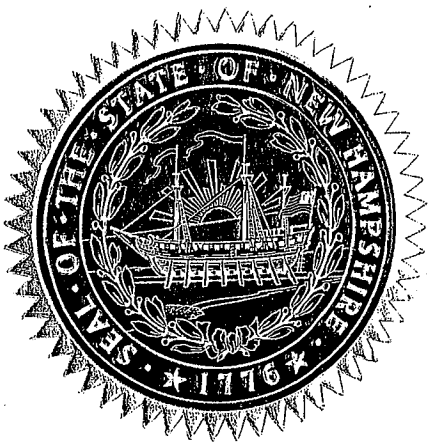
1. There shall be established in the Department of Treasury an account that is to be kept separate from all other funds designated as the "New Hampshire Disaster Relief Fund 2011," into which private donations for disaster relief assistance may be made.

2. Funds deposited in New Hampshire Disaster Relief Fund 2011 may be made available to provide assistance to individuals who suffered damage and loss as a result of Tropical Storm Irene. All disbursements from the fund are to be approved by the Director of the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("Director"), in consultation with an Individual Assistance Committee and the Governor.

3. The Director shall appoint an Individual Assistance Committee ("Committee") to review, evaluate and make recommendations on requests for individual assistance. The Committee shall be comprised of representatives from the non-profit community, human service organizations, disaster response organizations, the Community Action Programs and volunteer organizations who will serve at the pleasure of the Director. The Director shall designate a chair.

4. The Director shall maintain complete records of all funds received into, and disbursed from, New Hampshire Disaster Relief Fund 2011 and shall report all such receipts and disbursements to the Committee, the Governor and the Treasurer every six months beginning January 1, 2012.

5. Any monies remaining in New Hampshire Disaster Relief Fund 2011 that are not disbursed for assistance resulting from Tropical Storm Irene may be disbursed to cover damage and losses resulting from other natural and human caused disasters and severe weather events in accordance with the same approval procedures.



Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 9 day of September, in the Year of our Lord, two thousand eleven.

Governor