



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2016-008

RENEWAL OF DECLARATION OF MAJOR DISASTER AND SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2015, Typhoon Soudelor struck the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

WHEREAS, Typhoon Soudelor caused significant damage to public and private property;

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2015, Acting Governor Ralph DLG. Torres issued a Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency;

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2015, President Barack H. Obama issued a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121 et seq.;

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2015, and October 2, 2015, Governor Eloy S. Inos renewed the August 3, 2015 Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency;

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2015, November 29, 2015, and December 28, 2015, Acting Governor Ralph DLG. Torres again renewed the August 3, 2015 Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency;

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2016, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres again renewed the August 3, 2015 Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency;

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2016, Acting Governor Victor B. Hocog again renewed the August 3, 2015 Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2016, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres again renewed the August 3, 2015 Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency;

WHEREAS, all necessary administrative and legal processes necessary to complete the recovery effort have not fully run their course;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTOR B. HOCOG, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by Article

III, § 10 of the Commonwealth Constitution and by the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act of 2013, 1 CMC §§ 20141-20147, do hereby again renew the August 3, 2015 Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that was previously renewed on September 3, 2015, October 2, 2015, November 1, 2015, November 29, 2015, December 28, 2015, January 27, 2016, February 22, 2016, and March 22, 2016.

I HEREBY INVOKE MY AUTHORITY under Article III, § 10 of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and under 1 CMC § 20144 to protect the health and safety of the people of the Commonwealth. Accordingly, the following is hereby **ORDERED**:

I. RENEWAL OF DECLARATION OF MAJOR DISASTER AND STATE OF SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY

The August 3, 2015 Declaration of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency issued by Acting Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and renewed for a first time on September 3, 2015, a second time on October 2, 2015, a third time on November 1, 2015, a fourth time on November 29, 2015, a fifth time on December 28, 2015, a sixth time on January 27, 2016, a seventh time on February 22, 2016, and an eighth time on March 22, 2016 is hereby again renewed in its entirety without change, except that the report from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office to the Office of the Governor (as described in Section I of the Declaration) shall be submitted on or about June 15, 2016, and the expiration of the Declaration (as described in Section VII) shall be extended an additional thirty (30) days from the date of this Executive Order.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ninth Renewal of the August 3, 2015 Declaration of Major Disaster and State of Significant Emergency shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for thirty (30) days from the date of this Executive Order. All memoranda, directives, waivers of regulations, and other measures taken in accordance with the August 3, 2015 Declaration shall also remain in effect for thirty (30) days from the date of this Executive Order.

Done this 20th day of April 2016.



VICTOR B. HOCO
Acting Governor