

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-03

By the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, in order to respond to and provide relief for the emergency lava flow crisis on the Island of Hawai'i, to include damage, loss, and suffering, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Hawai'i, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby determine and order as follows:

**WHEREAS**, The Acting Mayor of Hawai'i proclaimed a state of emergency for Hawai'i County, effective May 3, 2018, based on the United States Geological Survey Hawai'i Volcano Observatory raising the Volcano Alert Level to Warning; and

**WHEREAS**, I exercised my authorities under the laws of the State of Hawai'i by proclaiming an emergency for Hawai'i County effective May 3, 2018, authorized the expenditure of state monies, and took various actions to provide for the speedy and efficient relief of the damages, losses, and suffering resulting from the seismic activity and lava flow; and

**WHEREAS**, Select members of the Hawai'i Army and Hawai'i Air National Guard were activated to respond to the evolving situation on the Island of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Thousands of earthquakes and numerous fissures, rock falls, ash clouds and deposits, lava flows and fountains, emissions of hydrogen sulfide, hydrogen fluoride, and sulfuric acid, have occurred and continue to occur, in the area that is the subject of my proclamation leading to the destruction of numerous homes, structures, and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Based on all scientific evidence available, additional fissures and related lava flows are expected to continue at any time along the East Rift Zone with no reasonable estimated date of cessation; and

**WHEREAS**, Precautionary and mandatory evacuation orders have been given and the circumstances requiring the protective orders are expected to continue; and

**WHEREAS**, It is unknown how many residents refused to comply with the warnings and evacuation orders given by county and state officials and remain in the evacuation areas; and

**WHEREAS**, There are only three major roadways in this area, all of which are threatened by the current outbreak and if one of these roadways is cut off by lava, a

significant area of the Puna District, which includes 6,000 residents, may become isolated; and

**WHEREAS**, As more fissures open, the risk of exposure to the aforementioned dangerous gasses increases, and as toxic gas exposure increases the need to evacuate additional neighborhoods and possibly conduct search and rescue operations will expand; and

**WHEREAS**, I requested that President Trump declare a Major Disaster for the State of Hawai'i as a result of the ongoing Kīlauea East Rift Zone seismic activity and volcanic eruption beginning May 3, 2018, and I specifically requested the Presidential Declaration authorize the Public Assistance Grant Program for Hawai'i County and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump declared a federal disaster on May 11, thereby making assistance available to the State of Hawai'i to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Kīlauea volcanic eruption and earthquakes from May 3, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 16, 2018, and pursuant to the "Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of Hawai'i and the Department of Defense for the Use and Establishment of a Dual-Status Commander Pursuant to Title 32, U.S. Code," which became effective August 31, 2011, and section 325 of Title 32, U.S. Code," and at my request, the Secretary of the Army authorized and activated Brigadier General Kenneth Hara, Hawai'i Army National Guard, to serve in both State and Federal duty statuses as Dual-Status Commander for the purpose of responding to the Kīlauea volcano activity in the State of Hawai'i with responsibility of oversight and orchestration of relief efforts by both State and Federal military forces in the state of Hawai'i, including the Joint Task Force currently conducting domestic operations and providing emergency support on the Island of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Per Department of Defense Directive 5105.83 Enclosure 2c. and Enclosure 4, paragraph 9a: Major General Arthur J. Logan, the Hawai'i State Adjutant General, shall establish a Hawai'i National Guard Joint Task Force from elements of the Joint Forces Head Quarters; Hawai'i Army National Guard, and Hawai'i Air National

Guard, to provide command and control for domestic operations, in Title 32, or Title 10 status; and

**WHEREAS**, In light of the on-going nature of events, and the projected extended need for Hawai'i National Guard support on the Island of Hawai'i, I have determined that additional Hawai'i National Guard forces are necessary to fully and adequately respond to these events, to include, but are not limited to, members of the Hawai'i National Guard Joint Task Force, from elements of the Joint Forces Head Quarters; Hawai'i Army National Guard, and Hawai'i Air National Guard and other yet unidentified forces; and

**WHEREAS**, The establishment of a Joint Task Force, identified as Joint Task force 5-0, is necessary to fully command and control the Soldiers and Airmen necessary to respond to the events on the Island of Hawai'i.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, pursuant to the powers delegated to me by the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i and chapter 121 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, specifically sections 121-05, 121-06, 121-12, 121-28, 121-29, and 121-30, do hereby authorize, direct and order that a joint task force, to be called Joint Task Force 5-0, be and is hereby established as a derivative unit of the Joint Forces Headquarters of the Hawai'i National Guard. Joint Task Force 5-0 is to include other specific units of the Hawai'i National Guard, whether on active duty or other full-time duty statuses, in accordance with State and Federal law, as may be selected by the Adjutant General. Joint Force 5-0 shall respond to and be in support of on-going domestic operations and civil and emergency relief efforts on the Island of Hawai'i, resulting from the Kīlauea volcanic eruption and earthquakes.

Done at the State Capitol, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



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DAVID Y. IGE,  
Governor of Hawai'i

APPROVED:  


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Russell A. Suzuki  
Hawai'i Attorney General