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OFFICIAL ORDER # 23-013

SUBJECT:Surplus – FEMA-eligible Temporary housing units2022 RS HB 5/GA and 2022 RS SB 150/GA

WHEREAS, the 2022 General Assembly, in response to a December, 2021 tornado outbreak in various locations in Western Kentucky, adopted House Bill 5, as amended by Senate Bill 150, appropriating \$15,000,000 of funds to the Department for Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management, for the purpose of procuring temporary FEMA-eligible housing units;

WHEREAS, the Division of Emergency Management acquired approximately two hundred (200) FEMA-eligible campers and mobile homes, to be utilized for temporary housing by persons in the affected areas;

WHEREAS, some of these FEMA-eligible temporary housing units are presently not in use and being stored at the Wendell Ford Training Center and other locations in Kentucky;

WHEREAS, starting on July 26, 2022, and continuing, a severe weather system generating multiple rounds of heavy torrential rain, creating flooding, flash flooding, mudslides, and landslides is impacting several eastern counties within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, creating dangerous conditions and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties;

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2022, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in response to the devastating flooding event impact several counties in Eastern Kentucky creating dangerous conditions and damage to public infrastructure, utility distribution systems, and private properties, issued Executive Order 2022-457, declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky;;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2022-457 orders and directs that the Division of Emergency Management within the Department of Military Affairs execute the Kentucky Emergency Operations Plan and, from the Kentucky Emergency Operations Center, coordinate the response and relief activities of all state agencies and private relief organizations in response to this emergency;



WHEREAS, the Division of Emergency Management and Finance and Administration Cabinet are in agreement that available FEMA-eligible housing units procured for the Western Kentucky tornado outbreak, but that are presently not in use and as requested by the Division of Emergency Management, should be transported to the areas of Eastern Kentucky affected by flooding and made available for living quarters for those displaced from their homes by flooding;

WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 45A.045, the Finance and Administration Cabinet shall sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of any interest in real property of the state which is not needed, or has become unsuitable for public use, or would be more suitable to the public's interest if used in another manner, as determined by the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet; and,

WHEREAS, appropriate officials in the Department of Military Affairs/Division of Emergency Management and the Finance and Administration Cabinet have determined that said property should be repurposed and utilized as set forth herein; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, being so advised, does hereby declare subject property, to-wit, approximately 120 FEMA-eligible temporary housing units, surplus to the needs of the Commonwealth and authorizes same, as requested by the Division of Emergency Management, to be transported to areas of Eastern Kentucky affected by recent flooding for use by persons in need of temporary housing, all in accordance with applicable sections of Kentucky Revised Statues, Chapter 45A.

Signed this <u>I</u> day of <u>August</u>, 2022. Holly M. Johnson, Secretar

Finance and Administration Cabinet

Approved:

Finance and Administration Cabinet