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EXECUTIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ILLINOIS NAVAL MILITIA

WHEREAS, the Illinois Naval Militia, originally created by the Illinois General Assembly in 1893 was an authorized component of the Illinois State Military Department for ninety-five years, during which time the Illinois Naval Militia provided support to the State of Illinois. The Illinois Naval Militia ceased operations in 1988; and

WHEREAS, a State Naval Militia consisting of trained members of the United States Navy Reserve and/or United State Marine Corps Reserve, who by voluntary membership in the State Naval Militia create a pool of trained military maritime specialists within the State to assist in response to natural or manmade disasters, would provide the State with a valuable and ready resource; and

WHEREAS, the aftermath of September 11, Hurricane Katrina, and other natural or man-made disasters demonstrate the value of a State Naval Militia;

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Article V, Sections 8 and 11 of the Illinois Constitution, I hereby order the following:

I. AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the creation of the Illinois Naval Militia within the Department of Military Affairs.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Executive Order shall be in full force and effect upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor