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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND THE NEW YORK STATE NAVAL MILITIA

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to specify the cooperation between the United States Coast Guard and the New York State Naval Militia.

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by the New York Naval Militia pursuant to the authority contained in Title 10 of the United States Code and the New York State Military Law.

The New York Stare Naval Militia is a recognized dual Federal/State force. It has a two-fold mission: first, to respond to the military needs of the Federal Government either as individuals or as units; and, second, to respond to the call of the Governor of the State of New York in the event of a natural disaster, domestic disorder, or other civil defense emergency.

Subject to the approval of the Governor and The Adjutant General of the State of New York, the Naval Militia may serve specifically as a resource in the augmentation of Maritime and Port and Waterway Activities, Security Operations, Stationary Engineering, Construction Activities and Support Activities, and other missions assigned to it by the Secretary of the Navy and/or as requested by the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. The New York Naval Militia is designated the New York State Military Representative to the Port Security/Readiness Committee and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Efforts are currently underway to amend the applicable provisions of New York Military Law to permit members of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve to join the New York Naval Militia. After the appropriate statutory changes have been enacted into law, the Coast Guard will make information on the New York Naval Militia available to eligible Reservists. However, the exact number of

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such members will be established from time to time by the Commander of the New York Naval Militia so as to comply with Federal and New York State Laws. The New York State Naval Militia will support recruiting and retention for the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in the State in keeping with the policies and guidance of the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The New York State Naval Militia will be organized and trained as prescribed by the laws of the United States. The Naval Militia will conform to the tables of organization, training requirements, policies and goals, as established by the Secretary of the Navy. The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard shall review, make recommendations and approve these training requirements, organization, policies and goals effecting U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Volunteer Members. The parties agree to use their best efforts to cooperate in these efforts and responsibilities.

At the written request of the Coast Guard, the New York State Naval Militia will assist in any Federal activation/call-ups and U.S. Coast Guard Reserve drill requirements. The Naval Militia will offer training opportunities as they may become available in the State for consideration to the Commanding Officers of the respective commands, units and reserve centers in New York State.

The services referred to herein to be rendered by the New York State Naval Militia and the U. S. Coast Guard are gratuitous services, and do not impose a financial obligation upon the U. S. Coast Guard or the New York State Naval Militia.

U.S. Coast Guard Reservists who voluntarily join the New York State Naval Militia shall do so on a not-to-interfere basis with their assigned duties and responsibilities to the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. In the case of any conflict between the duties and responsibilities of a reservist who is a member of both the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and the New York State Naval Militia the duties and responsibilities of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve shall take precedence.

Accepted U.S. Coast Guard Reservists who voluntarily join the New York State Naval Militia shall receive any and all benefits permitted to members of the Naval Militia by New York State Law. This includes, but is not limited to, educational benefits, access to State armories and other State facilities by those individuals and/or units, in accordance with the direction and approval of The Adjutant General of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs of the State of New York. The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard may make available facilities and equipment as he, in his sole discretion and in accord with applicable law, determines to be appropriate for joint training and in emergencies.

The New York State Naval Militia will notify and provide, as requested, to the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard or his designee, information, rosters, approved plans and after-action reports of State and Active or Reserve joint and combined exercises in keeping with the directions of The Adjutant General of New York. U.S. Coast Guard Commands in the State of New York will make every effort to make available, as requested, such information as is reasonably required by the Commander of the New York Naval Militia and The Adjutant General of the State of New York, Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

Both parties to this Memorandum of Understanding will use their best afforts to coordinate activities, establish close liaison, and further their respective goals, as permitted by applicable policies and laws.

This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect on the effective date, following signature by both parties, of the enabling statute of the New York Military Law permitting members of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, deemed qualified by the Commander of the New York Naval Militia, to join the New York Naval Militia.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be periodically reviewed and may be modified in writing only by mutual agreement at any time and it remains in effect until rescinded by the U.S. Coast Guard or the New York Naval Militia.

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Commander, New York Naval Militia

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WITNESS:

Major General John H. Fenimore V, NYANG

Date

The Adjutant General of the State of New York