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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
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RE: Hurricane Harvey Offer of Assistance

Dear Governor Abbott:

Donna and I would like to express our deepest concerns for you, Cecilia, and the people of Texas as you respond to this historic disaster. I want to personally offer you any and all assistance that you may need in the coming weeks and months. My Commissioner of Military and Veterans Affairs and Adjutant General Laurie Hummel and her team are standing by to mobilize the full forces of the Alaska National Guard, and through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), I offer the support of all State of Alaska departments when needed.

As a fellow Governor I can assure you I understand the need to send the right resources at the right time. We are encouraging all Alaskans to support the response and recovery efforts to this devastating event by making cash donations to the many Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster responding to the crisis. Major General Hummel's staff in the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and National Guard Joint Operations Center are monitoring reports from the Texas Division of Emergency Management and through the EMAC.

From aerial refueling, airlift, and search and rescue in the Alaska Air National Guard, to military police, aviation, and communications in the Alaska Army National Guard, the 4,000 members of Alaska's National Guard stand by ready to assist. By tonight, twelve Alaska Air National Guard pararescuemen from our 212th Rescue Squadron, partnered with two helicopters and aircrew from the California Air National Guard, will be in Texas to perform swift water rescues. We also can offer access to environmental response, public health, medical, and social services, as well as incident management teams. My staff and I understand that the efforts to respond, recover, and rebuild are a marathon and not a sprint. In that light I want to reassure you of Alaska's long-term commitment to help Texans in their time of need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor