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34<sup>E</sup> CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DES  
GOUVERNEURS DE LA NOUVELLE-ANGLETERRE  
ET DES PREMIERS MINISTRES DE L'EST DU CANADA

LENOX (MASSACHUSETTS), DU 11 AU 13 JUILLET 2010

## Resolution 34-5

### ***RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP***

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**WHEREAS** many emergencies may exceed the capabilities of a jurisdiction and intergovernmental cooperation is essential in such circumstances; and

**WHEREAS** the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers adopted an International Emergency Management Assistance Compact (IEMAC) in June 1998 to enable the participating states of the United States of America and the participating provinces of Canada to assist and/or request assistance from other party jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS** the International Emergency Management Group (IEMG) was established, through the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (IEMAMOU) in July 2000, to develop and maintain mutual aid arrangements and provide international leadership for Emergency Response cooperation, mutual aid, and public safety for its member States and Provinces; and

**WHEREAS** the IEMG recognizes the various legislative structures and laws and strives to develop policies, practices and programs that maximize efficiencies, effectiveness, and appropriateness in mutual aid and response; and

**WHEREAS** the IEMG provides an accountable structure to the member States and Provinces, ensures effective monitoring and responsibility for human and non-human resources involved in a response, and provides ongoing evaluation and lessons learned from exercises, responses inside and outside of the IEMG; and

**WHEREAS** the IEMG 2010 Annual Report to the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers provides an update of progress since the last report in September 2009; and

**WHEREAS** the IEMG 2010 Annual Report provides a summary of both jurisdictional and coordinated response to numerous serious disaster situations including the H1N1 Pandemic, the Haiti Earthquake, and man-made or natural events within the individual jurisdictions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers recognize that emergencies may occur which exceed the capabilities of a state or provincial jurisdiction and that intergovernmental cooperation can be crucial in such circumstances; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers acknowledge the work of the IEMG group and endorse its continuation; and

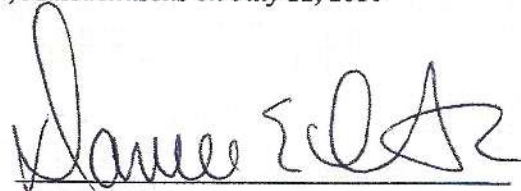
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Premiers and Governors recommend strengthened support for the international agreement work undertaken by provinces and states in managing any emergency or disaster when the affected jurisdiction or jurisdictions ask for assistance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the NEG/ECP affirm its support for enhancements to improve collaboration and exchange of information suitable for the optimal implementation of emergency management mechanisms.

*Adopted at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the New England Governors  
and Eastern Canadian Premiers in Lenox, Massachusetts on July 12, 2010*



**Deval Patrick**  
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