



NASS Resolution on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Financial Assistance after a Disaster

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WHEREAS, major disasters, both natural and man-made, have affected election infrastructure, procedures, and timing shortly before major elections, including the New York City mayoral primary election on September 11, 2001, the New Orleans Mayoral election soon after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the presidential election in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in 2012; and the presidential election in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia after Hurricane Helene, and:

WHEREAS, other areas will, in the future, suffer from devastating disasters that will debilitate the election process creating a financial need and immediate procedural changes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided assistance and financial aid for extraordinary expenses to state and local election officials for conducting elections during previous disasters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NASS hereby urges and requests the President and Congress of the United States of America to direct FEMA to deem extraordinary expenditures related to the election process as eligible for payment under the Stafford Act, to reimburse those extraordinary expenditures denied in the past, and to work with other federal agencies to expediently take appropriate steps to assist those Secretaries of State and local election officials in the areas affected by disaster in the future.

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