MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE, LA OFICINA NACIONAL DE EMERGENCIA DEL MINISTERIO DEL INTERIOR Y SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA ON COOPERATION IN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and La Oficina Nacional de Emergencia del Ministerio del Interior y Seguridad Púbica (ONEMI) (hereinafter jointly referred to as the Partners);

WHEREAS the Republic of Chile and the State of California have established a continuous cooperation and assistance relationship and signed a Memorandum of Understanding entitled, *"Chile-California: A XXI Century Partnership"* and a Joint Declaration on cooperation in emergency management entitled, *"Joint Declaration between the State of California, United States of America, and the Government of the Republic of Chile on Cooperation in Emergency and Disasters" on april 5th two thousand ten ;*

WHEREAS the Partners share common geographic and climatological characteristics which may result in natural disasters having adverse effects on the life and health of their population, damaging property and the environment, and having a negative impact on the economy and infrastructure of the affected territories;

WHEREAS a joint partnership and agreement between the Republic of Chile and the State of California will provide a broad framework for cooperation and support between the Partners in developing risk reduction initiatives that will continue to promote improved emergency services to individuals, families, and communities, public and private sector.

WHEREAS Cal OES is founded in public service, and exists to protect lives, property and the environment by effectively preparing for, preventing, responding to, and recovering from all threats, crimes, hazards and emergencies. Cal OES continues to pioneer best practices in disaster risk management to assure state readiness through strong leadership, collaboration, and meaningful partnerships;

WHEREAS ONEMI, under the Ministry of Interior and Public Security of Chile, plays a key role in reducing disaster risks and enhancing community resilience, and serves as the lead technical agency to plan, coordinate and implement activities for the prevention, mitigation, warning, response and recovery of emergencies and disasters, as required by the National System of Civil Protection at the national, regional, provincial and communal levels;

WHEREAS cooperation between the Partners plays a fundamental role in

implementing solidarity between the people and in joining efforts of the public and private sector in order to prevent, mitigate, and redress adverse effects from emergencies and disasters.

THEREFORE, THE PARTNERS PLEDGE THEIR INTENTION TO:

1. Design cooperative projects, and conduct joint studies and research that aim to enhance emergency response and recovery efforts, and develop disaster prevention and mitigation procedures and techniques, in coordination with the relevant authorities of each territory and in accordance with applicable domestic laws.

2. Provide training opportunities, best practices and expertise in areas of disaster risk management to develop expeditious communication strategies to apply in the event of emergencies and disasters in accordance with applicable domestic laws.

3. Exchange information on disaster risk management during disasters as mutually determined by the Partners.

4. Explore, develop and promote future activities and collaborations in disaster risk management.

The Partners acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding is only intended to provide for cooperation between the participants and does not create any legally binding rights or obligations. To the extent that any other provision of this Memorandum of Understanding is inconsistent with this paragraph, this paragraph shall prevail.

The Partners commit themselves in good faith to implement this Memorandum of Understanding to the fullest extent possible, subject to any changes in policy that they may adopt and will be effective on the date appearing below and will remain in effect for four years from that date.

Signed in Santiago, Chile, on October twenty one, two thousand sixteen, in four originals, two in Spanish and two in English languages, both texts being equally authentic originals.

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