

# Executive Department

State of California

## EXECUTIVE ORDER W-190-99

**WHEREAS**, Senator Bill Campbell recognized the importance and value of a strong emergency preparedness and response system as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown of Moon Township, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, then Assemblyman Campbell chaired the Assembly Select Committee on Fire Services, educating his colleagues on such issues as firefighter safety, uniform training standards, high rise fire safety, the public cost and devastation caused by arson, emergency communication, fire prevention, mutual aid and emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, following his election to the Senate in 1976 he continued his leadership in the area of fire services as Chair of the Senate Elect Committee on Fire Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Campbell was among the first to realize that the fire service needed to be part of an integrated emergency services system, including federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, civil defense organizations, military services, and federal, state and local emergency management agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Campbell believed that the strength of California's emergency management system would be derived from the mutual cooperation of many different levels of government and the private sector working together to protect life and property, and that the economic and psychological well-being of the State would depend upon a speedy, sound recovery from disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, through his vision and leadership he convinced the Legislature to establish the Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency and Disaster Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Campbell used his leadership to spur enhancement of the mutual aid system; the improvement of the emergency services communications; the adoption of sound, appropriate fire and seismic safety regulations; the enhancement of disaster response capabilities; the creation of the Urban Heavy Rescue Program; and development of uniform, standardized firefighter training curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, his authorship of the "Campbell-Torres-Cortese Natural Disaster Assistance Act Amendments of 1988" created the most comprehensive, fiscally sound and operationally effective state disaster recovery program in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recognized Senator Campbell with its highest civilian commendation for outstanding service and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Senator Campbell's concern for protecting the welfare of Californians earned him the nickname "Mr. Emergency Services."

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETE WILSON**, Governor of the State of California by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

That the new headquarters building for the Office of Emergency Services be named the "Senator Bill Campbell Emergency Services Building," and that appropriate steps be taken to display this name on site.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this second day of January, 1999.

Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

Secretary of State