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**Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account Request—COVID-19 Response**

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 8690.6, the following report is respectfully submitted.

Government Code section 8690.6 makes Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account (DREOA) funds available, upon allocation by the Director of the Department of Finance, to state agencies for disaster response operation costs incurred as a result of a proclamation by the Governor of a state emergency.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency for an outbreak of a respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus, a disease now known as COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization determined that the COVID-19 outbreak is a pandemic. On March 22, 2020, the state secured a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

In recognition of the need to act as expeditiously as possible to protect public health, Finance will immediately transfer \$1.3 billion from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties to DREOA. These funds will be utilized to secure personal protective equipment and critical medical supplies, enhance the surge capacity of hospitals and medical facilities, and procure other items necessary to support the state's efforts to protect public health and safety and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

These efforts will commence immediately, and within 120 days of the Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency as required by Government Code section 8690.6.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Teresa Calvert, Assistant Program Budget Manager, at (916) 324-0043.

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