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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The purpose of this letter is to support—in the strongest possible way—the appointment of R. David Paulison as Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Mr. Paulison has demonstrated his leadership ability during the last four years as Administrator for the United States Fire Administration. While the Fire Chief of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, he gained the experience required of a person responsible for responding to natural disasters. His ability to communicate to agencies providing operational resources and planning responses to disasters is above reproach.

Mr. Paulison is very well respected within the fire service community and within the membership of the North American Fire Training Directors. At a time when responding to natural or man-made disasters is a critical reality for our country, FEMA needs the leadership Mr. Paulison will provide.

On behalf of the membership of the North American Fire Training Directors, I would respectfully ask you to give serious consideration in appointing R. David Paulison as the permanent FEMA Director.

Sincerely,

Gary Wilson, President
North American Fire Training Directors