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**Community Relations** 

## SUBJECT: MASS CARE SHELTER USE BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Pursuant to the terms of Federal statutes, the Red Cross provides emergency services on behalf of individuals and family victims of disaster. Gouverneur Central School is authorized to permit the Red Cross to use school buildings, grounds, and equipment for mass care shelters required in the conduct of Red Cross Disaster Relief activities and wishes to cooperate with the Red Cross for such purposes.

Gouverneur Central Schools agrees that, after meeting its responsibilities to students, it will permit to the extent of its ability, and upon request by Red Cross, the use of its physical facilities by Red Cross as mass shelters for the victims of disasters.

Red Cross agrees that it shall exercise reasonable care in the conduct of its activities in such facilities and further agrees to replace or reimburse the Gouverneur Central Schools for any school food or supplies that may be used by Red Cross in the conduct of its relief activities in said mass shelters.

Notwithstanding any other agreements, the St. Lawrence County Chapter of the American National Red Cross agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Gouverneur Central School District against any legal liability in respect to bodily injury, death and property damage, arising from the negligence of the said chapter during its use of the property belonging to the said Gouverneur Central School District.

Adopted: 8/5/96