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SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Reserve Component Activation Authorities during the
Coronavirus Disease 2019 Response

- References: (a) Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.)
(b) Executive Order, 13223 of September 14, 2001, entitled "Ordering the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty and Delegating Certain Authorities to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation"
(c) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Delegation of Authority under Title 10, U.S.C, Section 12304a," March 7, 2013
(d) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Partial Mobilization (World Trade Center and Pentagon Attacks) and Redlegation of Authority under Title 10, United States Code, Section 123, 123a, 527, 12006, 12001, 12012, 12302, and 12305," December 9, 2015
(e) DoD Instruction 1235.12, "Accessing the Reserve Components," June 7, 2016
(f) Executive Order, 13912 of March 27, 2020, entitled "National Emergency to Order the Selected Reserve and Certain Members of the Individual Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty"

I hereby delegate to the Secretaries of the Military Departments the authority to amend activation orders, as appropriate, in order to effectively implement the Department's stop movement directives and force health protection guidance. This delegation is applicable to authorities listed in reference (e), found in tables 3 and 4 of that instruction, and to authorities related to mobilization-to-dwell ratios in table 2 of that instruction.

The intent of this delegation is to preserve force readiness, limit the continuing spread of the coronavirus, and preserve the health and welfare of Service members, DoD civilian employees, their families, and the local communities in which they live. Amended orders will not exceed statutory limits on the duration of an activation. This delegation is limited to the duration of international and domestic stop movement periods including time required for release from active duty.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments are authorized, if necessary, to involuntarily extend on active duty, under an appropriate activation authority, a Reserve Component (RC) Service member serving on active duty under a voluntary authority, e.g., title 10, U.S.C., section 12301(d). The Secretaries of the Military Departments may also authorize the involuntarily extension of Service members, if necessary, under title 10, U.S.C., section 12304b, to an appropriate authority, when the statutory limitation of 365 days for section 12304b is insufficient to implement the stop movement. For specific instances when Service members are activated from section 12304b to another involuntary activation authority to execute the stop movement period, I authorize waiver of mobilization to dwell ratios in Table 2 of reference (e).

Advance notification requirements in Table 2, applicable to the initial call to active duty of a unit or an RC Service member, are not applicable to an amendment or extension of an activation as is described in this memorandum. This includes advance notice requirements under section 515 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2008, and section 513 of the NDAA for FY 2014. However, the Secretaries of the Military Departments will endeavor to provide as much advance notice as is practicable to any Service members whose activation is amended or extended pursuant to the authority delegated in this memorandum.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments will report to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness all such involuntary activations and extensions in the Notification Matrix, for informational and tracking purposes.

This delegation supersedes any previous delegations concerning the authorities and requirements addressed in this memorandum. Additionally, the Secretary of a Military Department may, in writing, further delegate the above authorities, including the authorities delegated in references (c) and (d), to an official who is a member of the Senior Executive Service and is serving as, or performing the duties of, the Principal Deputy for the Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs in the respective Military Department.

All authorities delegated by this memorandum, including those pertaining to references (c) and (d), will cease at the conclusion of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 response or upon the direction of the Secretary of Defense, whichever occurs sooner. Upon rescission, policies and procedures prescribed in DoD Instruction 1235.12, "Accessing the Reserve Components," June 7, 2016 will be reinstated.

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Secretary of Defense