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to recognize the Galveston Model for the
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Dear Friends,

Over five years after the attacks on 9/11, there remain great challenges in preparing America. Our nation must create a National Blueprint of on-the-ground strategies and tactics for local communities that leverage the resources of the private sector and community organizations in the wake of a terrorist attack or severe natural disaster.

Simply put, communities cannot outsource their preparedness and response capabilities for the critical first 72 hours to the federal government. Working together, we can help each other develop initiatives to prepare communities like Galveston during the early hours of crisis, making our nation safer and stronger.

We all have ideas to share, and it is our responsibility to coordinate effectively with the state and federal governments. America will not have a comprehensive plan for homeland security until we engage local leaders of business, government and community organizations with those on the front lines of emergency response. I’m very grateful that NCORP has such a strong community partner as Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas and City Council of the City of Galveston in this important endeavor to help strengthen America’s homeland security.

I appreciate your dedication and look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

James S. Gilmore, III
Chairman
NCORP

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07:30 Registration and Coffee
08:30 Welcoming Remarks
   The Honorable Lyda Ann Thomas, Mayor, City of Galveston
08:40 Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
08:50 Recognition of Co-Hosts and Local Dignitaries
   Dr. Ben Raimer, UTMB
09:00 Opening Remarks
   Governor James S. Gilmore III, (Virginia 1998-2002), Chairman, NCORP
09:00 NCORP Challenges, Solutions and Tools
   Jeb Carney, President, and Jim Frierson, Program Director
   Introduction to the National Blueprint and 5-City Pilot
09:30 Galveston Model of Evacuation for the National Blueprint
   Led by Mayor Thomas and Governor Gilmore
   -City of Galveston: Steve LeBlanc
   -UTMB Evacuation: Dr. Karen Sexton
   -Galveston Housing Authority: Sharon Strain
   -Mayor’s Citizen Response Teams: Stan Blazyk & Jim Hale
11:00 NCORP National Blueprint Best Practice Award Ceremony
   In recognition of Mayor Thomas and her leadership of the Mayor’s Citizen Response Teams
11:30 Galveston’s “Readiness to Recover” Community Briefing
   Led by Jim Frierson, NCORP and Antonio Oftelie, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University
   -Evacuation/Transportation Planning: Judge Jim Yarbrough
   -Finance and Economics: Harris L. Kempner, Jr., and Jeff Sjostrom
   -Port: Steve Cernak
   -Medical: Dr. Joan Richardson
12:55 Invitation to NCORP’s National Congress in Washington, DC
   David Anderson, Executive Director, NCORP
1:00 Adjournment