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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53

MARCH 5, 1976

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS

Whereas, It is a matter of necessity that The City of New York be prepared in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, to deal with any emergencies that may arise; and

Whereas, The functions of the Office of Civil Defense were transferred to the Police Department by Executive Order No. 38, dated August 29, 1975, and the Police Commissioner was appointed interim coordinator of the functions of Emergency Services—Civil Preparedness by that Order; and

Whereas, In order to achieve better coordination of these functions, it is necessary and

desirable for the Police Commissioner to direct the Civil Defense activities of The City of New York.

Now, therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of The City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. The Police Commissioner is hereby appointed as the Director of Civil Preparedness.

§ 2. The Police Commissioner, as the Director of Civil Preparedness, shall be responsible to the Mayor and shall serve as the local Director of Civil Defense, with the powers of a local Director of Civil Defense under the Laws of 1951, Chapter 784, as amended.

§ 3. The Office of Emergency Services—Civil Preparedness, as referred to in Executive Order No. 38, dated August 29, 1975, is hereby re-designated as the Office of Civil Preparedness and the functions of the Office of Emergency Services—Civil Preparedness, as set forth in Executive Order No. 38, are hereby transferred to the Office of Civil Preparedness.

§ 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor.
