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STATE OF FLORIDA  
Department of Military Affairs  
**Office of the Adjutant General**

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August 7, 2019

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

RE: F.S. 20.058 2018, *Citizen Support and Direct-Support Organizations*; **Florida National Guard Foundation (FLNGF)**, P.O. Box 717, St. Augustine, FL 32085-1008; 904-823-0690; [www.floridanationalguardfoundation.org](http://www.floridanationalguardfoundation.org)

Dear Governor DeSantis:

In accordance with F.S. 250.115 2018, *Department of Military Affairs Direct-Support Organization*, the Florida Department of Military Affairs is issuing the following response and documents. The current audit and tax returns for the fiscal year that ended 30 June 2019 are attached.

**Mission:** The mission of the Foundation is to provide support to the men and women of the Florida National Guard in times of emergencies and deployments; to honor and assist those Soldiers and Airmen who have sacrificed their health and wellbeing for the security of our great State and Nation, and to preserve our rich history so the sacrifices of our Soldiers and Airmen are not forgotten. Since 2000, the Foundation has provided over \$1.4 million in assistance to 1715 service members throughout the state.

**Plan:** The Foundation will continue to provide financial assistance to members of the Florida National Guard by networking with the Family Readiness Groups in the state. We are searching for possible Grants and working with corporations to secure funding to continue our support to Soldiers and Airmen. We are also looking to expand our support for historical projects for the Florida National Guard.

**Code of Ethics:** The Foundation has adopted the following core values: collaboration to work with other agencies to ensure we provide the best service possible to the members of the Florida National Guard in their time of need; respect the dedication and sacrifices that our Wounded Warriors have made in defense of our state and nation; honor those sacrifices with

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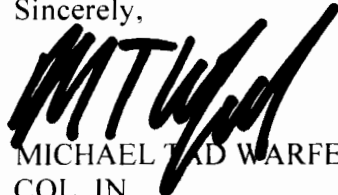
assistance and encouragement; empower our Soldiers and Airmen to deal with financial crisis, therefore, allowing them to concentrate on their mission to keep our country safe; and *Work-Life Balance* to help our Soldiers and Airmen to find their *Work-Life Balance* by assisting them in their time of need.

Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, the Foundation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2) or 2522(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue code as amended.

Regarding personal and professional integrity, the Florida National Guard Foundation staff, board members and volunteers shall act with honesty, integrity and openness in all their dealings as representatives of the organization, the Florida National Guard (FLNG) and the State of Florida. The FLNG Foundation promotes a working environment that values respect, fairness and integrity.

Additionally, the FLNG Foundation provides some financial hardship support to men and women of the Florida National Guard. If you require further information, please contact Debra Cox, Director, at the phone number or web address provided in the subject line of this letter.

Sincerely,



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State Quartermaster  
Florida Department of Military Affairs

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