

Resolution No. 37

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Legislative & Political

Re: Pursue Natural Disaster Aid Funding for States

1 WHEREAS, every state in the union is
2 susceptible to natural disasters, ranging from
3 hurricanes to tornados, wildfires, earthquakes,
4 flooding, and more; and

5 WHEREAS, states impacted by natural disasters
6 rely on an interconnected system of mutual aid from
7 across the nation to perform rescue and mitigation
8 operations, with the fire service on the front lines of
9 responding across the country; and

10 WHEREAS, recovery operations are a
11 monumental undertaking that includes efforts such
12 as direct community relief, debris cleanup and
13 recovery, rebuilding, and critical infrastructure
14 repairs; and

15 WHEREAS, states are not able to bear the cost of
16 this recovery on their own, and for decades have
17 relied on assistance from the Federal Emergency
18 Management Agency (FEMA) through all stages
19 from immediate assistance to long-term recovery
20 efforts; and

21 WHEREAS, the current federal administration
22 has severely restricted the funding provided to states
23 that have experienced natural disasters since January
24 2025, including historic wildfires in Los Angeles
25 and deadly flooding in Texas and North Carolina;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, disaster relief funds have been
28 significantly delayed or outright denied, and funding
29 for mitigation projects to reduce the severity of
30 future disasters have been cancelled entirely; and
31 WHEREAS, states have continued to struggle
32 with ongoing uncertainty about the status of federal
33 funding and projects, as well as with the increasing
34 budgetary pressure caused by reduced or eliminated
35 reimbursement; therefore be it
36 RESOLVED, That the International Association
37 of Fire Fighters shall pursue funding for states that
38 have experienced natural disasters since 2025 and
39 that have not received assistance traditionally
40 provided by FEMA and the federal government.

Submitted by: California Professional Fire Fighters

Cost Estimate: **None**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **N/A**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: