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Hurricane Irene Media Release 001 -- For Immediate Release

Emergency shelters to open on Saturday, August 27, at 6 p.m.

BARNSTABLE – At 12:00 noon Friday, August 26, 2011, the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) announced the status of the following Cape Cod Regional Emergency Shelters in advance of Hurricane Irene.

Eastham Regional Shelter - Open at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27
Nauset Regional High School, 100 Cable Road, Eastham
Pets NOT accepted at this location.

Harwich Regional Shelter - Open at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27
Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, 351 Pleasant Lake Avenue, Harwich
Pets accepted at this location.

Yarmouth Regional Shelter - Open at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27
DY Regional High School, 210 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth
Pets accepted at this location.

Barnstable Regional Shelter - Open at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27
Barnstable High School, 774 W. Main Street, Hyannis
Pets NOT accepted at this location.

Sandwich Regional Shelter - Open at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27
Sandwich High School, 365 Quaker Meeting House Road. East Sandwich
Pets accepted at this location.

Mashpee Regional Shelter - Open at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27
Mashpee High School, 500 Old Barnstable Road, Mashpee
Pets NOT accepted at this location.

The sheltering facilities at the Massachusetts Military Reservation are operated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Information about the opening of the shelter will be released as soon as it is available.

Preparations are in place for the shelter on Nantucket. Information about the opening of the shelter will be released as soon as it is available.

The Barnstable County Incident Management Team will open a Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) on Saturday, August 27, at the Massachusetts Military Reservation Headquarters Fire Station to coordinate response and recovery activities Cape-wide.

The Regional Sheltering Program is implemented by the REPC, the American Red Cross, the Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Cape Cod Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), School, Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works departments, the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, and utility companies including NStar, National Grid, Verizon, and Comcast. The animal component of the Regional Shelters is implemented by the Cape Cod Disaster Animal Response Team and the Animal Control Officers of Harwich, Brewster, and Chatham.

For information about hurricane preparedness visit the Barnstable County REPC website at www.bcrepc.org or the FEMA website at www.ready.gov or call 2-1-1. For specific local information, citizens should contact the emergency management office in their town.

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