RESOLUTION NO. 184

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the flood of 1993 caused great loss to the people in the St. Louis area and the residents and business people of the City of Chesterfield in particular; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield and neighboring West County municipalities wish to establish a policy for mutual cooperation in the event of natural disasters; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that the policy should let present and future residents know the intended cooperation between area cities; and,

WHEREAS, a copy of this proposed resolution was made available to the public prior to its consideration by the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

A. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Mutual Aid agreement with the Cities of Ballwin, Ellisville, Manchester and other neighboring cities that choose to participate, the terms and conditions of which are as generally described in Attachment A.

B. The City Administrator, or his designee, shall cooperate in applying for grants of money and services or other assistance offered or made available to the participants of this cooperative venture, by any person, government or agency, which may be used in mutual efforts to prevent loss or assist in recovery from natural disasters.

C. The City Administrator is empowered to act immediately to implement the purposes of this Mutual Aid agreement without further direction or authority by City Council.

D. This policy shall continue in existence until revoked by the participants and may be extended to other cities, as noted above, which adopt similar reciprocal agreements.

APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 1995.

Jack Leonard

Jack Leonard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Martha L. DeMay

Martha L. DeMay, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT "A"

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Any request for Mutual Aid Assistance is to be made by the Mayor or City Administrator of the agency requesting assistance. Requests are to be directed to the Mayor or City Administrator of all other agencies. An emergency declaration is necessary to qualify for Mutual Aid assistance. However, it is the intent of this agreement that assistance be provided for emergency response and not to facilitate ongoing recovery efforts. Agencies will respond when there is an imminent danger to life or property, and/or a need to clear or secure public facilities in order to provide and maintain life support systems.

When providing assistance, employees of the assisting agency will take direction from Supervisory personnel of the agency requesting assistance. All aspects of the operation are to be under the control and supervision of the agency requesting assistance.

Agencies will provide assistance, as requested, subject to the availability of manpower and equipment.

When requested, Agencies will provide assistance in the form of equipment, vehicles, and manpower. Whenever possible, equipment and vehicles should be operated by qualified employees of the agency providing the equipment. However, this should not restrict any agency from operating equipment or vehicles when qualified operators of the providing agency are not available for that purpose.

Costs related to providing assistance, including operation and repair costs, are to be borne by each agency providing the assistance, without expectation of compensation. However, it is expected and understood that the agency receiving assistance will file appropriate requests for reimbursement and/or funding assistance through available agencies to the extent that funds are available. All insurance, wages, workmen's compensation, and other charges related to providing vehicles, equipment, and manpower are to be borne by each agency providing assistance.