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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATEMENT ON HURRICANE FLOYD RELIEF
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I want to begin my visit by announcing several steps my Administration took earlier today and over the weekend to deliver further federal assistance to the citizens and communities in New Jersey who are still recovering from flood damage. It is vital that we take swift action to assist the victims of Hurricane Floyd before the onset of cold weather/ winter.

[In the wake of the devastating effects of Hurricane Floyd, my Administration took several steps earlier today and over the weekend to deliver further federal assistance to the citizens and communities in New Jersey who are still recovering from flood damage.]

Earlier today, I directed the Department of Health and Human Services to release \$5 million in LIHEAP emergency funds for energy related damage caused by Hurricane Floyd in New Jersey. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, makes funds available for emergency use to help at-risk families in times of weather distress and in the aftermath of natural disasters. The State can use the funds for utility repairs, furnace and airconditioning replacement, the removal of damaged insulation, and energy costs in the coming winter.

Additionally, over the weekend, the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the early availability of approximately \$43 million in HUD Community Development Block Grants for the counties hit hardest by Hurricane Floyd. These funds can be used by communities for disaster recovery and repair to homes, businesses, and water and sewer facilities.

Lastly, on Saturday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced lump sum rental assistance of up to \$10,000 for those individuals whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the Hurricane. Thank you very much.

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- news profiles on Gov.
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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Pointing to skyrocketing rents and longer waiting lists for affordable housing, Gov. Mike Leavitt signed a proclamation declaring Feb. 10 "Utah Affordable Housing Day."

Leavitt lauded low-income-housing advocates such as the Coalition of Religious Communities and the Utah Housing Coalition for their efforts to increase the availability of affordable housing.

The proclamation also declares every Feb. 10 as a "Day for Housing and the Homeless" in the quest for solutions to the housing crisis.

Frank Snell, of the religious coalition, thanked Leavitt for earmarking \$ 2.5 million in his budget for affordable housing. Snell noted, however, that the Legislature usually pares that down considerably. So he challenged lawmakers to approve more than what Leavitt proposed.

-- Jon Ure

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LICENSE-PLATE BILLS

Lawmakers shot down a pair of bills to create new special license plates -- for snowmobile and snowboard enthusiasts -- with one senator warning about tarnishing the state's image.

"We're talking about prostitution of a state emblem," said Sen. Nathan Tanner, R-Ogden.

He wondered what will come next in the stream of requests for special license plates. "I can see a swastika. I can see other things and it just scares me to death," Tanner said.

Sen. Robert Montgomery, R-North Ogden, is sponsor of the "Snowboard Utah" license plate bill. He said he did not appreciate the comparisons of that cause with the Nazi symbol or prostitution.

-- Dan Harrie

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HEADLINE: Leavitt Tackles Another Summit; Volunteer Advocates Hopeful, But Say
Climb Will Be Difficult; Leavitt Climbs Another Summit -- Volunteerism

BYLINE: BY CHRISTOPHER SMITH THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

BODY:

If Gov. Mike Leavitt wants to promote volunteerism in Utah, say those who recruit volunteers, he should protect good Samaritans from liability lawsuits, reward young servants with money for college and get more businesses to give employees time off to serve their communities.

Oh, and governor, could you also get somebody to tickle the ivories on the upright piano at Salt Lake City's Reading Room for the Blind?

"If I could find somebody to play the piano on Monday afternoons, I would dance a jig," says Bernice Eisen, supervisor of the all-volunteer reading room that has entertained people with failing eyesight for the past 87 years.

Volunteerism has become Leavitt's initiative du jour, the latest in a long line of ballyhooed summits, conferences and press klatches staged by the governor with a flair sometimes akin to a Superbowl halftime. He staged a gala rally with Gen. Colin Powell on Wednesday to launch his program to increase volunteerism in Utah.

"It was everything we hoped it would be and in some ways more," Leavitt said later.

His administration has had no shortage of "critical issues" to convene summits, task forces, commissions and citizen conclaves since the ex-insurance executive took office in 1992: Growth and transportation, juvenile crime and gangs, personal values, states' rights and federalism, "eco-region" wilderness and "virtual university" education.

Results have ranged from the concrete -- the I-15 overhaul is the largest public-works project in North America -- to lost causes. Leavitt abandoned his touted 1994 "Conference of the States" to shift power from the feds to the states after he was shelled by conservatives for wanting to re-write the Constitution.

Now, in step with the Boy Scout Oath to do your duty to God and country and "help other people at all times," the state's head scoutmaster is championing the cause of volunteerism.

And Leavitt is practicing what he, literally, preached at Wednesday's rally.

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"I took the governor out to the homeless camps along the river two weeks ago so he could get a firsthand view of what we do out there," says Pamela Atkinson, vice president of Intermountain Health Care's Mission Services.

"Take away all the speeches and fanfare and you find he is a very giving person, just terrific with homeless people. There was no media, just a man who would walk up to someone and say, 'Hi Dennis, I'm Mike, a friend of Pamela's, how are you?' "

Atkinson, who was praised as "~~a cross between Mother Teresa and Florence Nightingale~~" at an awards banquet Wednesday recognizing her long history of volunteerism, says Leavitt's handshakes are a good example of how simple community service can be.

"It's the little things that make a difference; a can of soup given to the food bank, taking a meal to a homebound person, shoveling snow off a neighbor's walk," she says. "Volunteer a smile and it can make a difference in that person's day."

Volunteer service coordinators say Utah has a rich tradition of charity and service.

"Utah is a very giving, friendly state, but money is not always what we're after," says Cindy Wilkins, director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Utah, which has partnered 280 youth with adult mentors in the Salt Lake Valley.

"We're looking for people who can take a little time off, an hour a week, and spend it with a young person shooting hoops in the park, going to the library or cultural events, giving them positive contact with an adult."

But even an hour of free time for community service can seem like an impossibility to working adults with families.

"People get stuck in that rut of work-home, work-home and they don't have the exposure or opportunity to serve their community," says Pam Mazaheri, director of the People With AIDS Coalition, a volunteer support organization for those impacted by HIV/AIDS.

"It's nice having Colin Powell come speak and get people revved up, but businesses must say we want to give back to our community and give employees time off to volunteer in their elementary schools or other programs."

Utah employers like American Express, US WEST, Novell, England Trucking, Nu Skin and, most recently, Delta Air Lines have launched aggressive employee and retiree volunteerism campaigns. Hundreds of businesses statewide have become "partners" with schools. And thousands of residents perform community service outside the realm of corporate public relations and media recognition.

"It's amazing what these people are doing," says Kirsten Ball, Utah representative of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). "We had a group of eight volunteers who took turns driving a man around for three months so he could keep his job as a construction worker because he lost his driver's license."

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But no good deed goes unpunished.

"We're really worried about the liability of people volunteering and we need the governor and Legislature's help to protect somebody who's being a good Samaritan," says Shauna O'Neil, director of Salt Lake County Aging Services, which relies on 2,000 volunteers.

"Say you're driving an elderly neighbor to the doctor's office, and she gives you 25 cents toward the gas and you get in an accident," says O'Neil, an attorney. "Suddenly, you're considered a slip closer to a taxicab service in terms of your liability. It's a real detriment to volunteer service."

The prospect of liability lawsuits against volunteers also has discouraged people from serving on the boards of directors of many nonprofit organizations.

"We have a lot of widowed persons who serve on boards who are nervous that if some volunteer does something the board will be held liable and they could lose their house if someone decided to sue," says Ball of AARP.

"Nonprofits can buy insurance to protect against that, but for some small organizations that policy can be a huge expense. We could do a lot more in our state to protect volunteers."

Leavitt's initiative does not include any proposed legislation or mention of volunteer liability. Instead, it includes "hard definable goals" of increasing the number of foster parents in the state, reducing the number of low-birthweight babies and setting up community-watch programs.

Dubbed "Utah's Promise," Leavitt's volunteerism campaign focuses on improving the lives of children and giving youths opportunities for service.

"Service learning, the integration of service into academia, is so important in making sure young people are well prepared to go out into the business world," says Mazaheri of the AIDS Coalition.

"Programs like Vista and AmeriCorps are good because young people get a small wage, like \$ 3 an hour to clean toilets in Moab, but at the end of their one year of service they get an educational stipend to attend a higher-education institution."

Volunteerism has become a politically popular issue, not solely due to humanitarian benefits. Volunteers are steadily doing jobs that not long ago were paid for by taxpayers. Salt Lake County's Meals on Wheels, which was operated six years ago solely by paid staff, now has 20 percent of its staff as unpaid volunteers.

Utah has the highest percentage of people in nursing homes whose stay is paid for by the government, says O'Neil of Salt Lake County Aging Services, costing taxpayers \$ 2,500 per person annually.

"If we, as taxpayers, are saying we can't afford to increase services like Medicaid, then we have to look at the community as a resource to keep elderly people in their homes," she says.

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"We've found it's the little things that force people to leave their homes. I'm paying staff to deliver meals, mow lawns and shovel snow to help these folks stay in their homes when those are perfect things volunteers could do to allow our staff to do other things."

Inevitably, there are more chores than warm bodies to do them.

"We've had the good fortune of finding great volunteers, but there's never enough," says Eisen of the Reading Room for the Blind. "What can I tell you? We live in a hedonistic society and we're too busy consuming goods to worry about helping others. But someday, we may be those others."

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Gov. Mike Leavitt pitches volunteerism last week.

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