

David Maurstad is a veteran emergency manager and staunch advocate of building a culture of preparedness across the nation. Forty years of experience in disaster resilience and the insurance industry suit his position as the head of FEMA's Insurance and Mitigation Administration, where he guides transformative efforts to communicate risk, increase flood insurance coverage and incentivize mitigation against natural hazards. As chief executive of the NFIP, he leads the largest single-peril insurance operation in the world providing more than \$1.3 trillion in flood coverage to more than 5 million U.S. policyholders. During his tenure with FEMA, David has held leading positions for 637 major disaster operations, including Hurricanes Katrina, Matthew, Irma, Maria and Michael, tropical storm Harvey and countless catastrophic flooding and wildfire events. David's expertise in disaster recovery and strategic risk management stems from extensive experience in local government as a Nebraska mayor, state Senator and Lt. Governor. David continues to drive the conversation around resilience with his bold call to action to reduce disaster suffering in our lifetime and for generations to come.

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