THIS BOOK started with a notion from Irwin Redlener that there are five major types of disasters that will shape our approach to building resilience for the next century. The idea was that in understanding this, we can also illuminate the way ahead for students, policy makers, and the broader spectrum of stakeholders in our civil society. In our years of working together, we have collaborated on many publications, presentations, and other works focused on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. When I approached him for guidance about developing a book, he graciously allowed me to build out the notion of these five disaster types. He has since served as a mentor on the book’s content development, as well as reviewing and editing the manuscript and advising on the more mundane but necessary process of proposing and publishing a work of this magnitude. This book simply would not have become the work that it is without him.
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