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## EXECUTIVE ORDER 17-08

SECRETARY OF STATE COMMISSIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the State Emergency Management Agency that severe storm systems beginning on March 6, 2017, and continuing, have caused damages associated with tornadoes, high winds, hail, heavy rains, flooding, and flash flooding impacting communities throughout the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather created a condition of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the state of Missouri beyond the capabilities of some local jurisdictions, and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri will continue to be proactive where the health and safety of the citizens of Missouri are concerned; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the state of Missouri may be needed to assist affected jurisdictions and to help relieve the condition of distress and hazard to the safety and welfare of Missourians; and

WHEREAS, an invocation of the provisions of Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo., is required to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC R. GREITENS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, including Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo., do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri and direct that the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.

I further authorize the use of state agencies to provide assistance, as needed.

This order shall terminate on April 7, 2017, unless extended in whole or in part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

Eric R. Greitens Governor

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