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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSION DIVISION

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that several severe storm systems causing damages associated with tornados, high winds, hail, and flooding have impacted communities across the State of Missouri, including but not limited to the counties of Butler, Crawford, Dunklin, Iron, Madison, New Madrid, Perry, Phelps, Reynolds, Ripley, St. Francois and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather that began on September 22, 2006 and continuing, has 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 and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, local officials are continuing to provide updated damage reports to the State Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and communities of Missouri are still recovering from the effects of the March and April 2006 severe storms; and

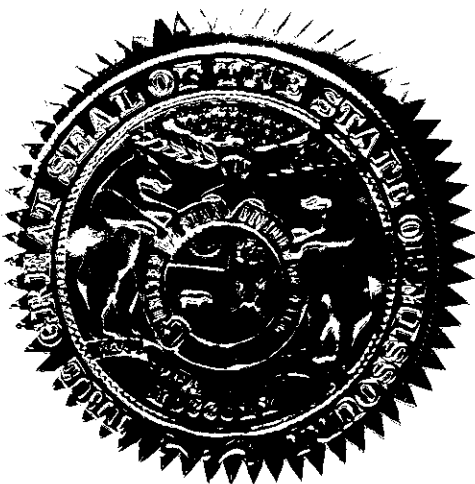
WHEREAS, the resources of the State of Missouri may be needed to assist affected jurisdictions and to help relieve the condition of distress and hazard to the safety and welfare of our fellow Missourians; and

WHEREAS, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State requires an invocation of the provisions of Section 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and 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. I do hereby 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 October 23, 2006, unless extended in whole or in part.



ATTEST:

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 23rd day of September, 2006.



Matt Blunt
Governor



Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State