

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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WHEREAS, small businesses are vitally important to the economy of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, according to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, businesses of fewer than 50 employees account for 94% of the businesses in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, small businesses will help to provide the high-paying jobs of the future in the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Economic Development is a state agency dedicated to job creation and works collaboratively with other state entities in furtherance of its mission; and

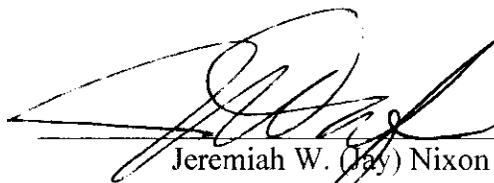
WHEREAS, the Missouri Development Finance Board is a state entity that also plays a significant role in job creation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the success of Missouri small businesses that they have access to low-interest or no-interest capital, particularly in these challenging economic times.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON, Governor of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby direct the Missouri Department of Economic Development, working together with the Missouri Development Finance Board, to create a pool of funds designated for low-interest and no-interest direct loans for small businesses.



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 13th day of January, 2009.


Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

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Secretary of State