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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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Matt Blunt
SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that a natural disaster of major proportions has occurred throughout western, central, and northern Missouri, which areas have been affected by severe winter weather affecting several communities in the state; and

WHEREAS, interruption of public services are occurring as a result of the severe winter weather beginning on January 30, 2002, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, protecting the safety and welfare of the citizens in the affected communities requires an invocation of the provisions of Chapter 44, RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Holden, Governor of the State of Missouri, by authority of the virtue vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, including Section 44.100, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri. The west, central, and northern counties are hereby declared disaster areas, and I do hereby direct that the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated. I further authorize the use of state agencies to provide support to the affected areas.

This order shall terminate on February 28, 2002, unless extended in whole or in part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed this Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson on this 31st day of January, 2002.

Bob Holden

BOB HOLDEN
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Matt Blunt

MATT BLUNT
SECRETARY OF STATE