

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
08-41**

WHEREAS, high-speed Internet access in Missouri's rural communities is of great significance to economic development, agriculture and education; and

WHEREAS, many rural communities do not currently have the information and communication infrastructure that enables its residents access to high-speed Internet; and

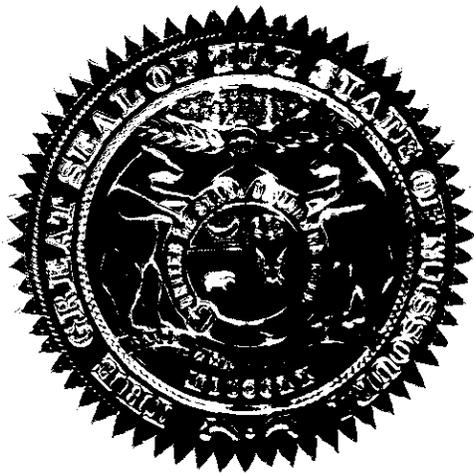
WHEREAS, Executive Order 07-31, issued on October 10, 2007, created and established the Rural High-Speed Internet Access Task Force to assess the level of high-speed Internet Access availability in Missouri, identify barriers to deployment in underserved areas and recommend statutory, regulatory and policy changes needed to increase availability across the state; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 07-31 was scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 08-41 was signed on January 9, 2009, to extend Executive Order 07-31 until January 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the Rural High-Speed Internet Access Task Force has an opportunity to present their findings, an extension of the June 30, 2008, termination date is necessary.

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, hereby extend the order that Executive Order 07-31 shall remain in effect until January 12, 2009.



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 20th day of July 2006.

Matt Blunt

Matt Blunt
GOVERNOR

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State

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