EXECUTIVE ORDER 09-04

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the State Emergency Management Agency that the on-going and forecast severe storm systems have caused, or have the potential to cause, damages associated with snow, freezing rain, sleet, and ice impacting communities throughout the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, interruptions of public services are occurring, or anticipated to occur, as a result of the severe weather event that started on January 26, 2009, and is continuing; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather that began on January 26, 2009, and continues, has the potential to create 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 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 our fellow Missourians; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I. JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON, 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 February 26, 2009, 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 26th day of January

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon

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