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EXECUTIVE ORDER 16-03

SECRETARY OF STATE COMMISSIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, severe weather systems impacted the state of Missouri beginning December 22, 2015, resulting in historic flooding and loss of life as well as damage to homes, businesses, transportation infrastructure, agricultural land and other property across the state; and

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency was declared on December 27, 2015, pursuant to Executive Order 15-10; and

WHEREAS, the State of Emergency will expire on January 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the impacts from these severe weather systems continue to cause ongoing conditions of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of Missouri beyond the capabilities of local jurisdictions and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order 15-11 ordering the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri to call into active service such portions of the organized militia deemed necessary to aid the executive officials of Missouri to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, I ordered the Missouri National Guard to manage "Operation Recovery," a debris removal program in the St. Louis region that is facilitating the collection and disposal of both debris left behind by flood water and household debris; and

WHEREAS, "Operation Recovery" remains underway assisting local communities in the St. Louis region clean up from the historic flooding; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order 16-02 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to waive certain environmental rules and regulations on a temporary and short-term basis to expedite the cleanup and recovery process; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri 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 have been needed and will continue to 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.

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 Chapter 44, RSMo, do hereby extend the declaration of emergency contained in Executive Order 15-10 until February 22, 2016, unless extended in whole or in part by subsequent order.

It is further ordered that Executive Order 15-11 and Executive Order 16-02 be extended until February 22, 2016, unless extended in whole or in part by subsequent order.



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 22nd day of January, 2016.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon Governor

ATTEST:

Jason Kander Secretary of State