EXECUTIVE ORDER 19-05

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the State Emergency Management Agency that ongoing and forecast severe storm systems in conjunction with riverine flooding along the Missouri and Mississippi river systems as a result of releases from various Missouri River reservoirs due to record snow melt and excessive rain over both major river systems have caused, or have potential to cause, damages associated with high winds, heavy rains, flooding and flash flooding, and riverine flooding 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 and riverine flooding event that started on March 11, 2019, and are continuing; and

WHEREAS, the severe storm systems and riverine flooding that began on March 11, 2019, and continue have 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 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 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, is required to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of Missouri:

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL L. PARSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the 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 and 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 April 21, 2019, 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 21st day of March, 2019.

Michael L. Parson Governor

Secretary of State

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