EXECUTIVE ORDER

21-04

WHEREAS, Executive Order 21-03 was issued on February 11, 2021, establishing a state of emergency and ordering that operators of commercial motor carriers who are assisting in the transportation of residential heating fuels are exempt from the hours of service requirements in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 390 through 399, as incorporated in state law, including but not limited to sections 307.400, 390.201, and 622.550, RSMo, for the duration of the Order; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 21-03 is set to expire on February 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, high demand for residential heating fuel such as propane, natural gas, and heating oil has continued and is anticipated to continue past February 21, 2021, and is needed to provide immediate emergency assistance and continuing emergency relief to residents and businesses in need of such services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri remains in a state of emergency within the meaning of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Section 390.23; and

WHEREAS, the continued temporary suspension of current regulations on maximum driving times is critical to the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Missouri, in order to ensure that operators of commercial motor carriers who are assisting in the aforementioned emergency efforts within the State of Missouri can meet this emergency need for transportation of residential heating fuel; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-17 was issued on September 24, 2020, establishing that conditions were necessary to declare the existence of an emergency pursuant to Chapter 44, RSMo, due to potential civil unrest in the cities of Kansas City, St. Louis, and other affected communities; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-17 activated the Missouri National Guard to assist public safety officials, local jurisdictions, and other established agencies in providing for the safety and welfare of Missouri's residents, visitors, and to protect property; and

WHEREAS, the soldiers of the Missouri National Guard were released on November 9, 2020, after the need to assist public safety officials, local jurisdictions, and other established agencies for civil unrest had ended; and

WHEREAS, conditions do not currently exist warranting an emergency declaration due to civil unrest pursuant to Chapter 44, RSMo:

NOW THEREFORE, I, MIKE PARSON, 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 Executive Order 21-03, terminate Executive Order 20-17, and deactivate the Missouri National Guard to the extent activated under Executive Order 20-17. All other Executive Orders regarding the activation of the Missouri National Guard, including Executive Order 20-06, as extended by Executive Orders 20-10, 20-12, and 20-16, shall remain in effect.

The provisions of this Executive Order relating to the extension of Executive Order 21-03 shall continue in effect until February 28, 2021, 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 19th day of February, 2021.

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MICHAEL L. PARSON GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE