EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-24

WHEREAS, severe storm systems impacted the State of Missouri starting on March 14, 2025, resulting in damages associated with tornadoes, straight line winds, large hail, fires, heavy rains, flooding, flash flooding, and riverine flooding, resulting in loss of life as well as damage to homes, businesses, public infrastructure, and electrical transmission lines across the state; and

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency was declared on March 14, 2025, pursuant to Executive Order 25-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 25-19 was subsequently extended by Executive Order 25-22 and Executive Order 25-23; and

WHEREAS, appropriate measures must be taken in response to these disasters to ensure that those individuals affected whose prescriptions were lost or destroyed, or whose records are not available, or whose original prescribing physician is unavailable, will be able to continue to receive prescribed medications to assure their health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in order to respond to the emergency, it is necessary to adjust, on a temporary and short-term basis, certain rules and regulations relating to prescribing and dispensing medications to individuals affected by the disaster; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, provides the governor with the ability, during declared states of emergency, to waive or suspend certain statutory requirements or administrative rules to protect public health or safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, 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, hereby order the following:

The Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the State Board of Pharmacy are vested with full discretionary authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory or administrative rule or regulation currently in place under their purview in order to best serve the interests of the public health and safety during the period of the emergency and the subsequent recovery period.

This order shall terminate on June 30, 2025, 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 20th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

NNY HOSKINS

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE