

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 26-16**

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the State Emergency Management Agency that the ongoing and forecast severe storm systems have caused, or have the potential to cause, damages associated with tornadoes, straight line winds, large hail, heavy rains, flooding and flash flooding affecting 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 starting on July 9, 2026, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, the severe storm systems beginning on July 9, 2026, and continuing, have the potential to create a condition of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the people 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 people 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, invoking the provisions of Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, is required to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the people of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, 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 the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.

I further authorize and direct state agencies to provide assistance as needed.

This Order shall terminate on August 10, 2026, unless extended in whole or in part.



ATTEST:

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 10th day of July, 2026.

MIKE KEHOE  
GOVERNOR

DENNY HOSKINS  
SECRETARY OF STATE