

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
03-12**

Whereas, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that a natural disaster of major proportions has occurred throughout the State of Missouri, which area has been affected by severe storms, and high winds with tornadoes; and

Whereas, there has been loss of life in Jasper County; and

Whereas, damage to the affected areas and loss of property and interruption of public services have occurred as a result of the severe weather beginning May 4, 2003; and

Whereas, the severe weather that began on May 4, 2003, and which may continue, has created 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 and other established agencies; and

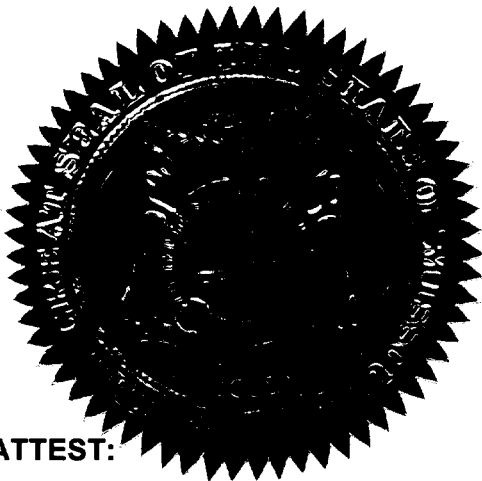
Whereas, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the affected communities requires an invocation of the provisions of Section 44.100, RSMo.

Now, Therefore, I, Bob Holden, 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 41.480.2 and 44.100, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri. The counties suffering damage are hereby declared disaster areas, and I do hereby direct that the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.

I further authorize the use of state agencies to provide support to the affected areas.

This order shall terminate on June 4, 2003, 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 5th day of May, 2003.



ATTEST:



Bob Holden
Governor

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