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EXECUTIVE ORDER
05-03SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri currently maintains an office in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the Washington, D.C. office has been to represent the State's interests in Washington and to monitor Federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to Missouri of maintaining the Washington, D.C. office is more than \$164,000; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to Missouri that State government be conducted in the most business-like and economical manner, and that the people of this State be assured that their tax dollars are spent wisely; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the Washington, D.C. office is not vital to the State's interests; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has nine members of the United States House of Representatives and two members of the United States Senate making up a delegation capable of safeguarding the State's interests; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri will realize immediate savings upon the closing of the Washington, D.C. office by eliminating duplication of activities and administrative costs.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, Governor of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby order the Commissioner of Administration to take whatever steps are necessary to close the Washington, D.C. office as soon as possible.



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 11th day of January, 2005.

Matt Blunt
Governor

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State