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## EXECUTIVE ORDER 06-46

SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that severe winter storm systems causing damages associated with heavy snow, freezing rain, sleet and ice have impacted communities across the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, interruption of public services are occurring as a result of the severe weather that began on November 30, 2006 and continues; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather that began on November 30, 2006 and continuing 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, 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, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State requires an invocation of the provisions of Section 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo.

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, including Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri. I do hereby direct that the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.

I further authorize the use of state agencies to provide assistance, as needed.

This order shall terminate on January 1, 2007, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2006.

Matt Blunt, Governor



Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State