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EXECUTIVE ORDER 07-22

Whereas, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that many communities are having difficulty recovering from the severe storm systems that impacted the western and central regions of the State of Missouri from June 4, 2007, and continuing; and

Whereas, those severe weather events continue to cause significant damages to public infrastructure as a result of heavy rains, flooding, flash flooding, high winds, and hail; and

Whereas, those damages have had an adverse affect on the abilities of those communities to provide for the health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the State of Missouri beyond the capabilities of local and other established agencies; and

Whereas, the repetitive nature of disaster events over the past twelve months have created a significant impact on the abilities of the state and affected local governments to effectively and expeditiously recovery from those events; and

Whereas, the resources of the State of Missouri and the federal government will be needed to assist affected jurisdictions recover from these storms 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 Sections 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 August 3, 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 3rd day of July

Matt Blum, Governor

Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State