EXECUTIVE ORDER 08-03

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Whereas, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Monagement DIVISION Agency that several severe storm systems causing damages associated with tornados, high winds, hail, and flooding have impacted communities across the central and southern parts of the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, the severe weather that began on January 7, 2008, has created a condition of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of Missouri beyond the capabilities of some local and other established agencies; and

Whereas, local officials are continuing to provide updated damage reports to the State Emergency Operations Center; and

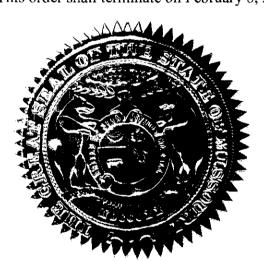
Whereas, the citizens and communities of Missouri are still recovering from the effects of the December 2007 severe storms; and

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, order and direct the Adjutant General of the state of Missouri, or his designee, to forthwith call and order into active service such portions of the organized militia as he deems necessary to aid the executive officials of Missouri, to protect life and property, and it is further ordered and directed that the Adjutant General or his designee, and through him, the commanding officer of any unit or other organization of such organized militia so called into active service take such action and employ such equipment as may be necessary in support of civilian authorities, and provide such assistance as may be authorized and directed by the Governor of this state.

This order shall terminate on February 8, 2008, 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 11th day of January, 2008.

Matt Blunt Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State