

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
08-17**

APR 29 2008

Whereas, the severe weather that began on March 31, 2008, created a condition of distress and hazards 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

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Whereas, Executive Order 08-14 was issued on April 1, 2008, declaring a State of Emergency within the state of Missouri and directing the resources of the state of Missouri assist affected jurisdictions and help relieve the condition of distress and hazard to the safety and welfare of our fellow Missourians; and

Whereas, Executive Order 08-15 was issued on April 1, 2008, authorizing 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 to 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; and

Whereas, Executive Orders 08-14 and 08-15 expire on May 1, 2008; and

Whereas, the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency has advised me that many Missouri rivers remain near or above flood stage and that subsequent severe storm systems continue to have a significant adverse impact on communities throughout the state, and has requested an extension of the May 1, 2008, deadlines; and

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, hereby extend the declaration of emergency contained in Executive Order 08-14 and the terms of Executive Order 08-15 for the purposes of protecting the safety and welfare of our fellow Missourians.

This order shall terminate on June 1, 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 29th day of April, 2008.

Matt Blunt

Matt Blunt
Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State