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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
08-20**

Robin Carnahan
**SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSION DIVISION**

Whereas, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that the ongoing and forecast severe storm systems have caused, or have the potential to cause, damages associated with tornados, high winds, hail, flooding, and flash-flooding in communities throughout the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, the severe weather that began on June 1, 2008, and is 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 State Emergency Management Agency has been responding to requests from affected communities for sandbags; and

Whereas, the state will continue to be proactive where the health and safety of the citizens of Missouri are concerned; and

Whereas, the citizens and communities of Missouri are still recovering from the effects of the January, February, March, and May 2008 major disasters; 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, an invocation of the provisions of Section 44.100 and 44.110 RSMo will be required to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of Missouri.

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, 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 July 11, 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 June, 2008.

Matt Blunt

**Matt Blunt
Governor**

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan

**Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State**