EXECUTIVE ORDER 08-24

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Whereas, the severe weather that began on June 1, 2008, created a condition of STATE 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, Executive Order 08-19 was issued on June 11, 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 Order 08-20 was issued on June 11, 2008, declaring a State of Emergency within the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, many communities throughout the state continue to be heavily involved in disaster response and recovery actions associated with those severe storms; and

Whereas, the resources and support of all state departments and agencies are still needed in those response and recovery efforts; and

Whereas, Executive Orders 08-19 and 08-20 expired on July 11, 2008; 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 08-20 and the terms of Executive Order 08-19 through August 11, 2008, for the purpose of continuing the state's support of on-going response and recovery operations in the Missouri communities affected by the June 2008 severe storms and flooding.

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 July, 2008.

Matt Blunt Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State