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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSION DIVISION

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 22, 2011, a devastating tornado tore through City of Joplin, Missouri, destroying thousands of homes, businesses, schools, and other facilities and critical infrastructure, and causing tragic loss of life; and

WHEREAS, in the immediate aftermath of the storm, I deployed agencies from across state government, including the Missouri National Guard, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and others, to coordinate our response and recovery efforts in the City of Joplin; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 26, 2011, department directors, senior staff, and program managers from numerous state agencies traveled to Joplin for a Community Response Meeting, at which more than 1,300 local residents accessed resources and information about the services available from the state of Missouri to assist with recovery and rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, thousands of citizens continue to struggle to meet essential needs in the aftermath of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need in the City of Joplin for convenient access to resources and timely information regarding state recovery programs and services, including debris removal, food assistance, temporary employment, temporary housing, and unemployment assistance; and

WHEREAS, it will be most convenient for businesses, families, individuals, and organizations in the City of Joplin to be able to access these state recovery and rebuilding resources through a centralized, comprehensive center, rather than through disparate offices located throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri will continue to be actively engaged in every stage of the recovery and rebuilding of the City of Joplin.

NOW THEREFORE, I JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby establish the State of Missouri Resource, Recovery & Rebuilding Center in the City of Joplin, Missouri. The purpose of the State of Missouri Resource, Recovery & Rebuilding Center will be to provide a convenient, centralized location for accessing services and information in the wake of the devastating tornado.

I further direct the following state departments and agencies to provide information and staff to the State of Missouri Resource, Recovery & Rebuilding Center:

- Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Missouri Department of Economic Development
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- Missouri Housing Development Commission
- Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
- Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
- Missouri Department of Mental Health
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Missouri Department of Public Safety
- Missouri State Emergency Management Agency
- Missouri Department of Revenue
- Missouri Department of Social Services
- Missouri Division of Workforce Development

I further direct that all state departments and agencies, upon request, shall provide such personnel, services, or information as necessary to support the mission and purpose of the State of Missouri Resource, Recovery & Rebuilding Center.

This Order shall be effective immediately and shall continue until superseded or terminated by further order.



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 7th day of June, 2011.

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Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Carnahan", written over a horizontal line.

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State