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EXECUTIVE ORDER 12-07

SECRETARY OF STATE COMMISSIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, Executive Order 12-06 was issued on June 29, 2012, activating the Missouri State Emergency Operations Center in response to the severe heat, dry conditions and fire risks affecting the State of Missouri and to assist Missouri residents and communities address the hazards associated with this extreme weather pattern; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri continues to experience record heat and low precipitation; and

WHEREAS, this weather pattern has caused extreme drought conditions in many parts of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the excessive heat is creating a condition of distress and hazard to the health and safety of Missourians; and

WHEREAS, the dry conditions have caused several large natural cover fires and the risk for additional natural cover fires is expected to continue for several weeks; and

WHEREAS, the heat and low precipitation is detrimentally impacting Missouri agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is monitoring the drought's affect on public water supplies and distribution; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, at my request, has declared an agricultural disaster in all 114 Missouri counties; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri will continue to be proactive in addressing these and other challenges caused by these extreme weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the State of Missouri are needed and will continue to be needed to assist those affected by these conditions and to help relieve the condition of distress and hazard to the safety and welfare of our fellow Missourians.

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, including Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri and direct that the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.

I further authorize the use of state agencies to provide assistance, as needed.

I further order that Executive Order 12-06 shall be extended until October 1, 2012.

This Order shall terminate on October 1, 2012, 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 23rd day of July, 2012.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon Governor

ATTEST

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State