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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSIONS DIVISION

EXECUTIVE ORDER
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WHEREAS, Missouri has a current need to meet the public safety demands imposed by a continuing system of devastating storms throughout the state; and

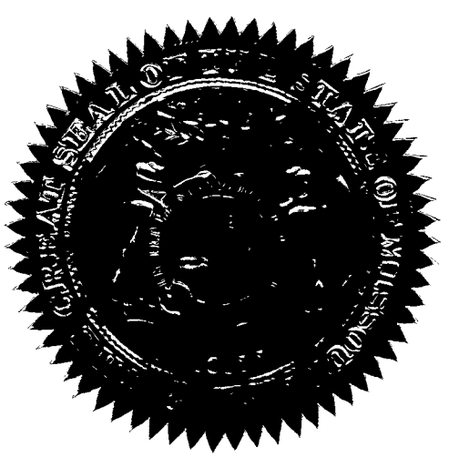
WHEREAS, in this time of emergency the commitment expected of our state law enforcement authorities is anticipated to rapidly exhaust our ability to respond adequately; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Conservation and numerous other state departments/agencies employ investigators, Park Rangers, and Conservation Agents who are certified Missouri peace officers currently possessing limited police authority in the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, those investigators, Park Rangers, and Conservation Agents have met the State of Missouri's training requirement for peace officers within the State of Missouri as provided in Chapter 590, RSMo and are located at strategic sites throughout the state where their services as fully empowered peace officers could be readily utilized in the interest of public safety and peace maintenance; 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, including Chapter 44, RSMo, do hereby authorize the investigators from the Division of Fire Safety, the Park Rangers from the Department of Natural Resources, the Conservation Agents from the Department of Conservation, and other POST certified state agency investigators to exercise full state wide police authority as vested in other Missouri peace officers pursuant to Chapter 590, RSMo during the period of this State declaration of emergency.

This order shall terminate on May 3, 2006, 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 3rd day of April 2006.

Matt Blunt
Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State