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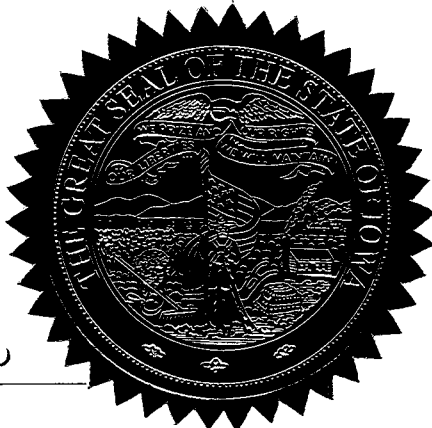
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

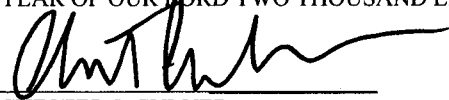
- WHEREAS,** ON SUNDAY MAY 25, 2008 AND CONTINUING, SEVERE STORM SYSTEMS MOVED ACROSS PORTIONS OF IOWA; AND
- WHEREAS,** STORMS HAVE RESULTED IN WIDESPREAD ELECTRIC OUTAGES AND DESTRUCTION TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND TRANSMISSION LINES IN CERTAIN AREAS IN IOWA. THESE IMPACTED AREAS ARE REQUESTING OR MAY BE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN RESTORING ELECTRIC SERVICE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF IOWA HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO IMPACTED AREAS, SPECIFICALLY TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL REPAIR CREWS AND RELATED SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** OTHER STATES' ELECTRICAL REPAIR CREWS MAY BE TRANSVERSING IOWA ENROUTE TO OTHER STATES' DISASTER SITES; AND
- WHEREAS,** STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE IOWA CODE REGULATING THE MOVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WOULD PREVENT OR HINDER EMERGENCY RECOVERY EFFORTS:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, BY THE POWER AND AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1 AND 8 AND IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(1), DO HEREBY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO EXPEDITE DEPLOYMENT OF CRITICAL SERVICES:**

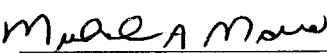
1. PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(6), I DO HEREBY SUSPEND THE REGULATORY PROVISIONS OF IOWA CODE 321.449 PERTAINING TO HOURS OF SERVICE FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIR CREWS AND DRIVERS WHILE RESPONDING TO DISASTER SITES.
2. PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(6), I DO HEREBY SUSPEND THE REGULATORY PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 321.463 AND 321E.29 OF THE IOWA CODE AND 7611AC511 OF THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. SUSPENSION OF THESE PROVISIONS APPLIES TO LOADS RELATED TO ELECTRICAL REPAIRS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER AND TRANSPORTED ON ALL HIGHWAYS WITHIN IOWA, EXCLUDING THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM, WHICH DO NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM OF 88,000 POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT; DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AXLE WEIGHT LIMIT DETERMINED UNDER THE NON PRIMARY HIGHWAY MAXIMUM WEIGHT TABLE IN IOWA CODE SECTION 321.463, PARAGRAPH 5.B, BY MORE THAN 10 PERCENT; DO NOT EXCEED THE LEGAL MAXIMUM AXLE WEIGHT OF 20,000 POUNDS; AND COMPLY WITH POSTED LIMITS ON EMBARGOED ROADS AND BRIDGES. MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT ALLOWED ON THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM IS 80,000 POUNDS. THIS ACTION IS INTENDED TO ALLOW SUCH VEHICLES TO BE OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT, NOT EXCEEDING 88,000 POUNDS, WITHOUT A PERMIT, BUT ONLY FOR THE DURATION OF THIS PROCLAMATION.
3. PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(6), I DO HEREBY SUSPEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING AUTHORITY, REGISTRATION AND FUEL TAX REPORTING AS REQUIRED BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIR CREWS AND DRIVERS WHILE RESPONDING TO DISASTER SITES.
4. PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 29C.6(6), I DO HEREBY SUSPEND THE INTERSTATE REQUIREMENT FOR MEDICAL CARD AND THE MINIMUM AGE FOR A COMMERCIAL DRIVER FOR IOWA-BASED ELECTRICAL REPAIR CREW DRIVERS RESPONDING TO DISASTER SITES.
5. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS DECLARATION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOL USE AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS (49 CFR 382), THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (49 CFR 383), THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (49 CFR 387) REQUIREMENTS, OR ANY OTHER PORTION OF THE REGULATION NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED.
6. THIS EMERGENCY DECLARATION IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR 30 DAYS.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES, IOWA THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.

  
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CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE