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 flooding and destruction to areas in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, eighty-six (86) counties have been declared disaster areas ("Disaster Counties") as a result of said storms; and

WHEREAS, the flooding and destruction have resulted in the loss of licenses and other important documents issued to Iowans by the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with those provisions of the Iowa Code imposing fees for obtaining replacement documents and certificates issued by the State of Iowa will be an additional expense and hardship to persons who have suffered losses and damages as a result of said floods and storms, and will prevent, hinder or delay replacement of those necessary documents and items; and

WHEREAS, replacement of documents issued by the State of Iowa that were damaged or destroyed in said floods and storms is necessary to cope with the emergency posed by said floods and storms:

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:

1. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code § 144.13A prescribing a fee for issuance of a copy of an original certificate of birth, as applied to a person whose original certificate of birth was lost or destroyed in any one of the disaster counties as a result of said storms. A written statement by the person, in or appended to the person’s application for replacement copy of original certificate of birth, confirming that the original certificate of birth was lost or destroyed in any one of the disaster counties as a result of said storms shall be required to invoke this suspension.

2. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code § 144.46 prescribing a fee for issuance of the following: a certified copy or short form certification of a certificate or record; a search of the files or records when no copy is made, or when no record is found on file; a copy of a certificate or record or a vital statistics data file provided to a researcher in accordance with section 144.44; and a copy of a certificate or record or a vital statistics data file provided to a federal, state, local, or other public or private agency for statistical purposes in accordance with section 144.45. The suspension is applicable to persons whose original records were lost or destroyed in any one of the disaster counties as a result of said storms. A written statement by the person, in or appended to the person’s application for
replacement copy of original records, confirming that the original records were lost or destroyed in any one of the disaster counties as a result of said storms, shall be required to invoke this suspension.

3. The suspensions listed in Paragraphs “1” and “2” above apply only to replacement copies of original documents issued in Iowa, and may be relied upon by state registrar or any of the county registrars of any of the counties of Iowa, so long as the respective loss, destruction, or illegibility occurred in any one of the disaster counties as a result of said storms.

4. The suspension of regulatory provisions pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6(6) in the impacted counties, as set forth above, shall remain in effect through the period of time that the disaster declaration(s) remain in effect for the impacted counties.

IN TESIMONY 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 28th DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT

CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE