WHEREAS, On Wednesday, May 11, 2011 severe storm systems moved across portions of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, these storm systems spawned severe weather producing tornados that had impacts to private and public property including residences, businesses; and

WHEREAS, local officials and residents impacted by this severe weather need assistance to deal with the impacts of these storms; and

WHEREAS, surveys and reports forwarded by local officials in Taylor County indicate that state assistance will be needed to respond to and recover from the effects of these storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim a state of disaster emergency for Taylor County in the State of Iowa, for the aforementioned reasons. This proclamation of disaster emergency authorizes state government to render goods and sufficient aid to assist those areas in this time of need; and authorizes the implementation of the state individual assistance grant program to assist eligible residents and minimize their hardship.

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 this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord Two thousand eleven.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE