PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, On Thursday, June 2, 2011 a state of disaster emergency was declared for Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monroe, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury counties in the State of Iowa as a result of imminent flooding of the Missouri River in and along those counties; and

WHEREAS, since that time, severe flooding has resulted in the loss or destruction of residential buildings and homes, leaving Iowans without shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Code and associated administrative rules dictate the length of stay in state park and preserve camping areas as being no more than fourteen consecutive nights with at least three nights away from the park or preserve separating each two-week stay; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with those length-of-stay provisions will be a hardship to persons who have suffered losses and damages to their homes as a result of the flooding and who may rely upon camping as a means of shelter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, 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:

1. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the provisions of Iowa Code section 461A.49 limiting an individual’s right to camp in a state park or preserve to no more than fourteen consecutive nights in both Waubonsie State Park in Fremont County and Viking Lake State Park in Montgomery County.

2. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the regulatory provision of 571:12 Administrative Code 61.4(3)(h) limiting an individual’s right to camp in a state park or preserve to no more than fourteen consecutive nights with a minimum of three nights separating each two-week stay in both Waubonsie State Park in Fremont County and Viking Lake State Park in Montgomery County.

This emergency declaration is effective immediately and remains in effect to the maximum extent permitted by Iowa Code section 29C.6, but in no event later than October 15, 2011.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed, this 29th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:
MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE