PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

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

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

WHEREAS, the Governor has suspended limitations on length-of-stay provisions in some of Iowa’s state parks but there may be need to expand this suspension to other parks, preserves and forest campgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Administrative Code dictates the fees required for camping in state parks, preserves, and forest campgrounds.

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 ability to camp in a state park or preserve to no more than fourteen consecutive nights in all state parks and preserves, managed by the state of Iowa. This suspension shall also be deemed to apply to all state forest campgrounds. This suspension shall apply only to those persons displaced by the natural disasters described above.

2. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of 571 Iowa Administrative Code sections 61.4(5)(b), limiting an individual’s ability 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 state in all state parks or preserves managed by the state of Iowa. This suspension shall apply only to those persons displaced by the natural disasters described above.

3. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of 571 Iowa Administrative Code section 62.7, limiting an individual’s ability to camp in a state forest campground to no more than two weeks at a time in all state forests managed by the state of Iowa. This suspension shall apply only to those persons displaced by the natural disasters described above.

4. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of 571 Iowa Administrative Code sections 61.3(4), 61.4(1), 62.4(2) and 62.5(2), related to camping and related transactions fees for state parks, preserves and forests managed by the state of Iowa. This suspension shall apply only to those persons displaced by the natural disasters described above.

5. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of 571 Iowa Administrative Code sections 61.3(2)(a) and 62.4(2)(b), related to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources establishing minimal numbers of campground sites that must be made available through the online reservation system.
6. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.6(6), I do hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of 571 Iowa Administrative Code sections 61.3 and 62.4, related to the methods persons may make reservations for state parks, preserves and forest campgrounds. Pursuant to this suspension, persons displaced by the natural disasters described above may make reservations only by telephone or in person to be eligible for any fee waivers provided by this Proclamation.

This Proclamation replaces the prior proclamation of June 15, 2011, related to the suspension of length-of-stay limitations for Waukonse State Park in Fremont County and Viking Lake State Park in Montgomery County.

This Proclamation shall apply not just to Iowa residents displaced by the natural disasters described above, but also to those people displaced by natural disasters, arising out of the same flooding, impacting the Midwestern Region of the United States.

This Proclamation of Disaster Emergency 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 12th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE