PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, On Sunday, July 10, 2011 a severe storm system moved across portions of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, this storm system spawned heavy rains, hail, and severe thunderstorms, causing damages and related impacts to private and public property including residences, businesses, infrastructure, and agriculture in Benton County; and

WHEREAS, local officials and residents impacted by the severe weather need assistance to deal with the impacts of this storm including debris removal from damaged structures and trees; and

WHEREAS, reports made by local officials indicate that state assistance will be needed to respond to and recover from the effects of this storm:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim a state of disaster emergency for Benton County in the State of Iowa, for the aforementioned reasons. This proclamation of disaster emergency 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 22nd DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE