PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2013, and continuing thereafter, severe storm systems affected the state of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, these storm systems caused severe weather, including damaging winds, heavy rains, thunderstorms, flash flooding and flooding resulting in significant damage to public and private property and large debris piles; and

WHEREAS, the following two (2) Iowa counties suffered significant damages from this event: Cherokee and Mahaska County; and

WHEREAS, reports forwarded to the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department by the emergency management coordinators and others in the affected counties indicate that local resources and capabilities have been exhausted and that state assistance and resources are needed to respond to and recover from the effects of this event; and

WHEREAS, these conditions threaten the public peace, health, and safety of citizens of the State of Iowa and have damaged and destroyed public and private property. Because of this, they provide legal justification for the issuance of a Proclamation of a State of Disaster Emergency pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERRY E. BRANSTAD, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Iowa Constitution Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code § 29C.6(1), and all other applicable laws, do hereby proclaim a STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY for the following two (2) Iowa counties: Cherokee and Mahaska Counties and do hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

SECTION ONE. As required by Iowa Code § 29C.6(1), (10) and 42 U.S.C. § 5170 in cases of Presidential Disaster Declarations, this Proclamation of Disaster Emergency activates the disaster response and recovery aspect of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department’s Iowa Emergency Response Plan and those additional response plans applicable to the counties affected by this disaster and authorizes the use and deployment of all available state resources, supplies, equipment, and materials as are reasonably necessary to assist those citizens located in the disaster counties.

SECTION TWO. This state of disaster emergency shall be effective on May 27, 2013, shall continue for sixty (60) days, and shall expire on July 26, 2013, unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by me. Iowa Code § 29C.6(1).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed at Des Moines, Iowa this twenty-seventh day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR
ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE