

  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, beginning on April 13, 2015, and continuing thereafter, there have been seventy-six confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in the State of Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, highly pathogenic avian influenza is a contagious and economically devastating disease that has threatened turkeys, chickens, and other poultry in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of this highly contagious disease continues to threaten the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of the State of Iowa and has the potential to quickly destroy private property and exhaust local resources and capacities unless its spread is stopped. These facts provide legal justification for the issuance of this Proclamation of a State of Disaster Emergency. Iowa Code §§ 29C.1, 29C.2 (1), 29C.6 (1); and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa poultry producers typically dispose of animal manure generated by their facilities under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 200A, and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code § 200A.3 (6) requires that animal manure must be “unmanipulated” and composed of “primarily of animal excreta” in order to be considered “dry animal nutrient product” to come under the regulation of Iowa Code Chapter 200A. As defined, Iowa Code § 200A.3 (6) creates a particular hardship for turkey and chicken producers on sites infected by highly pathogenic avian influenza by making them ineligible to dispose of their animal manure under the authority of Iowa Code Chapter 200A, and

**WHEREAS**, producers with sites infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza in the following eighteen (18) Iowa counties are adversely effected by the definition of “dry animal nutrient product” in Iowa Code § 200A.3 (6): Adair, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Hamilton, Kossuth, Lyon, Madison, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Webster and Wright County.

**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), 163.3A (2) and all other applicable laws, and in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and the authority granted to it under Iowa Code § 163.3A, do hereby proclaim a **STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY** specifically for the following eighteen (18) Iowa counties: Adair, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Hamilton, Kossuth, Lyon, Madison, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Webster and Wright and do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

**SECTION ONE.** I temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code § 200A.3 (6) requiring that animal manure be “unmanipulated” and composed of “primarily of animal excreta” in order to be considered “dry animal nutrient product” as defined by this section. This suspension shall be effective only to manure and compost generated at a premise infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza and quarantined by the Iowa Department of Agriculture, in the counties delineated above, provided said material has been released for application in writing by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Iowa Department

of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. All other provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 200A shall apply to the above-described material.

**SECTION TWO.** This state of disaster emergency shall be effective on June 15, 2015, shall continue for thirty (30) days, and shall expire on July 15, 2015, 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 fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry E. Branstad", written over a horizontal line.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR

**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Pate", written over a horizontal line.

PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE