## EXECUTIVE ORDER 11-13

MAY 26 2011

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2011, by Executive Order 11-06, I declared a State of Emergency and directed the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan to be activated; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2011, by Executive Order 11-09, I extended the declaration of emergency contained in Executive Order 11-06 through June 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2011, the City of Joplin was hit by a tornado and severe storms causing a natural disaster of historic proportions which created a condition of distress and hazards to the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of the state of Missouri beyond the capabilities of some local jurisdictions and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, the tornado and severe storms that occurred on May 22, 2011 in the City of Joplin have destroyed schools and school buildings, as well as textbooks, materials, furniture, and equipment contained in the schools and school buildings within the Joplin Public School system; and

WHEREAS, school resumes in eighty-three days and, without immediate efforts to rebuild certain schools and school buildings within the Joplin Public School system, hundreds of students will be displaced; and without the immediate ability to purchase replacement textbooks, materials, furniture and equipment, teachers and students will be without the supplies needed to teach and learn; and

WHEREAS, in order to immediately respond to the emergency and to protect and safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the state of Missouri, it is necessary to adjust certain state laws, rules and regulations on a temporary and short-term basis.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, including Chapter 44, RSMo, do hereby authorize:

The Joplin Public School system may begin immediately to rebuild Cecil Floyd Elementary, East Middle School, and the Administration Building without requiring advertisement for bids.

The Joplin Public School system may begin immediately to purchase replacement textbooks, materials, furniture and equipment without requiring advertisement for bids.

This order shall terminate on June 20, 2011, unless extended in whole or in part.



Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon

Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State