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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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 SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSIONER DIVISION

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 within the Joplin Public School system; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2011, by Executive Order 11-13, I authorized the Joplin Public School system to proceed with the rebuilding of three buildings within the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Joplin Public School system has continued to identify and evaluate school district buildings that can be rebuilt, restored and/or renovated to house students during the 2011-2012 school year; and

WHEREAS, school resumes in seventy-eight 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

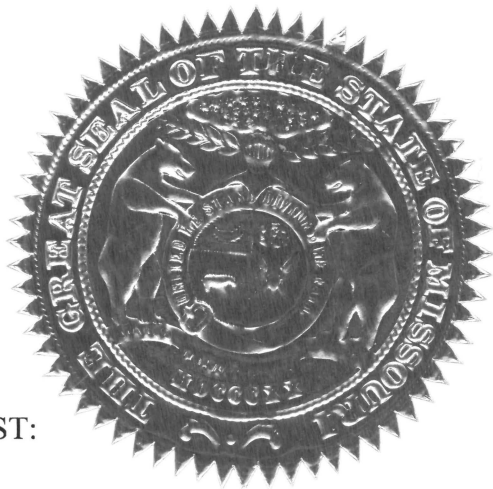
WHEREAS, in order to immediately respond to the emergency and to protect and safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the state of Missouri, it is necessary to adjust certain state laws, rules and regulations on a temporary and short-term basis.

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, restore, and/or renovate Emerson Elementary, Kelsey Norman Elementary, Old South Middle School, and Washington Education Center without requiring advertisement for bids.

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

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 1st day of June, 2011.



ATTEST:



 Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor



 Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State