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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared on April 22, 2011, pursuant to Executive Order 11-06; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11-19 extended the state of emergency until September 15, 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, and on June 1, 2011, by Executive Order 11-15, and on June 3, 2011, by Executive Order 11-16, I authorized the Joplin Public School system to proceed with the rebuilding of seven buildings within the school district and retrofitting, equipping, and furnishing various warehouses and retail structures to house district programs displaced by the tornado; and

WHEREAS, the Joplin Public School system has continued to identify and evaluate various structures that can be retrofitted, equipped and furnished to house students during the 2011-2012 school year; and

WHEREAS, school resumes in sixty-one days and, without immediate efforts to retrofit, equip and furnish various structures identified by 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 retrofit, equip and furnish Eastmorland Elementary, Duquesne Elementary, Duenweg Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Memorial Education Center, 4th and South Grand Building, 7501 East Alliance Parkway, and the Joplin MoDOT Building to house district programs displaced by the tornado, without requiring advertisement for bids.

This order shall terminate on September 15, 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 17th day of June, 2011.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon

Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State