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Executive Order
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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSION DIVISION

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that the State of Louisiana is requesting assistance under the Emergency Mutual Assistance Compact (EMAC) in response to Hurricane Katrina which hit landfall August 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana requests that Missouri provide military support, both personnel and equipment, beginning August 30, 2005, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2005, I directed the Missouri National Guard to initiate efforts to comply with the State of Louisiana's request and any other request for the National Guard resulting in the hurricane response pursuant to the EMAC; and

WHEREAS, the EMAC is designed to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens in the affected participating EMAC states; and

WHEREAS, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens in the affected communities requires an invocation of the provisions of Section 44.415, RSMo, which provides for emergency mutual aid with other states, and Section 41.480, RSMo, which authorizes the Governor to call out the organized militia as he deems necessary to provide emergency relief to a distressed area in the event of earthquake, flood, tornado or other actual or threatened public catastrophe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 44.415, RSMo and Section 41.480, RSMo do hereby declare that Missouri will implement the EMAC with the State of Louisiana to provide assistance because Louisiana has experienced damage from hurricane Katrina, and I do hereby direct the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to activate the EMAC plan. I further authorize the use of the Missouri National Guard to provide support to the Louisiana Division of Emergency Management.


This order shall terminate on October 15, 2005, 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 30th day of August, 2005.



Matt Blunt
Governor



Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State