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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
05-44**

Robin Carnahan
**SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSION DIVISION**

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that a failure of the dam at Taum Sauk Reservoir has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the State of Missouri may be needed to assist affected jurisdictions and individuals; and

WHEREAS, this assistance may be necessary to help relieve the condition of distress and hazard to the safety and welfare of our fellow Missourians; and

WHEREAS, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Missouri requires an invocation of the provisions of Section 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, 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 Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri. I do hereby direct that the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.

I further authorize the use of state agencies to provide assistance, as needed.

This order shall terminate on January 31, 2006, 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 14th day of December, 2005.



Matt Blunt
**Matt Blunt
Governor**

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan
**Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State**