Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2023 a widespread flood event is expected to begin to impact the eastern portion of the State of Iowa due to rapid snow melt combined with heavy rains, causing dangerous flood conditions; and

WHEREAS, Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton, Des Moines, Dubuque, Jackson, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine, and Scott counties are expected to suffer significant damage from this event; and

WHEREAS, this emergency event may prompt affected county governments to declare local disaster emergencies because of the widespread flood conditions; and

WHEREAS, the emergency event is of such magnitude or severity that local resources and capabilities are likely to be exhausted and that state assistance and resources will be needed to respond to and recover from the effects of this event; and

WHEREAS, the pre-positioning of state resources and capabilities near or around areas expected to be impacted by this emergency event is needed to support local and state efforts to respond to and recover from the effects of this event; and

WHEREAS, I hereby urge the governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions that may be affected by this emergency event to act as necessary to meet the anticipated exigencies; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions threaten the public peace, health, and safety of citizens of the State of Iowa and have the potential to damage and destroy public and private property. Because of this, they provide legal justification for the issuance of a Proclamation of a State of Disaster Emergency pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Iowa Constitution Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1), and all other applicable laws, do hereby proclaim a STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY for Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton, Des Moines, Dubuque, Jackson, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine, and Scott counties and do hereby ORDER and DIRECT the following:

SECTION ONE. As required by Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1), (10) and 42 U.S.C. § 5170 in cases of Presidential Disaster Declarations, this Proclamation of Disaster Emergency activates the disaster response and recovery aspects of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Iowa Emergency Response Plan and those additional response plans applicable to the counties affected by this disaster and authorizes the use and deployment of all available state resources, supplies, equipment, and materials as are reasonably necessary to assist those citizens located in the disaster counties.

SECTION TWO. I temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of 11 Iowa Admin. Code § 53.11 (3) prohibiting pay to those State of Iowa employees for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek while present in the State's Emergency Operations Center or otherwise engaged in assigned disaster response missions or other activities. **SECTION THREE.** I temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 8A, Iowa Code § 313.10, 11 Iowa Admin. Code Chapters 117 and 118, and 641 Iowa Admin. Code Chapter 176, requiring the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Iowa Department of Public Safety, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, and other state agencies involved in the response to this disaster emergency to procure goods and services through a competitive selection process or to otherwise follow, adhere to, or obtain other procurement-related processes, procedures, approvals, or limitations. Suspension of these provisions is limited to the duration of this proclamation and is further limited to procurements which are necessary to respond to this disaster emergency. Iowa Code § 29C.6 (6).

SECTION FOUR. This state of disaster emergency shall be effective on April 24, 2023, shall continue for thirty (30) days, and shall expire on May 24, 2023, unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by me. Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED AT DES MOINES, IOWA THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

RLYK. R GOVERNOR

ATTEST PAUL D. PATE

SECRETARY OF STATE