

PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2013, and continuing thereafter, severe storm systems affected the state of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, these storm systems caused severe weather, including damaging winds, heavy rains, thunderstorms, flash flooding and flooding resulting in deaths and significant damage to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, Van Buren County suffered significant damage from this event; and

WHEREAS, reports forwarded to the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department by the Van Buren County emergency management coordinator and others in the affected county indicate that local resources and capabilities have been exhausted and that state assistance and resources are needed to respond to and recover from the effects of this event; and

WHEREAS, surveys and reports forwarded to the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department by the Van Buren County emergency management coordinator and other officials in the affected county indicate that state individual assistance pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.20A and 441 Iowa Admin. Code 58.2(1) is needed to assist certain individuals and families adversely affected by the disaster who otherwise cannot be helped by other means of financial assistance and for whom federal assistance under the Stafford Act is either not available or does not adequately meet the needs of the citizens in the disaster area; and

WHEREAS, these conditions threaten the public peace, health, and safety of citizens of the State of Iowa and have damaged and destroyed 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, TERRY E. BRANSTAD, 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 Van Buren County 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 aspect of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department's Iowa Emergency Response Plan and those additional response plans applicable to the county 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 county.

SECTION TWO. I authorize the Iowa Department of Human Services under the terms and conditions as allowed by Iowa law to render individual disaster assistance to eligible residents of Van Buren County who are affected by this disaster. Iowa Code § 29C.20A and 441 Iowa Admin. Code 58.2(1).

SECTION THREE. This state of disaster emergency shall be effective on July 10, 2013, shall continue for sixty (60) days, and shall expire on September 1, 2013, 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 tenth day of July in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ

SECRETARY OF STATE