EXECUTIVE ORDER
20-09

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the State Emergency Management Agency that there have been confirmed and or presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in this state; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can result in mild or severe symptoms, is highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious health risk for Missouri residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention activated its Emergency Operations Center to better provide ongoing support to the COVID-19 response on January 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19 on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the first case of COVID-19 in the State of Missouri was identified on March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-02, declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the State of Missouri will be needed to assist in a joint incident response; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the State of Missouri will be needed during the recovery phase of the state's response to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, an invocation of the provisions of Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, is required to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of Missouri; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL L. PARSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, including Section 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, do hereby incorporate the terms and provisions of Executive Order 20-02, declare that a State of Emergency continues to exist in the State of Missouri and direct the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan continue to remain activated.

This order shall terminate on June 15, 2020, 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 24th day of April, 2020.

MICHAEL L. PARSON
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN R. ASHCROFT
SECRETARY OF STATE