### STATE of MINNESOTA



# TIM PAWLENTY GOVERNOR

#### **EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 09-06**

## PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO MOTOR CARRIERS OPERATING IN MINNESOTA

I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable laws do hereby issue this emergency executive order:

WHEREAS, the severe spring flooding has significantly impacted communities located near Minnesota rivers; and

WHEREAS, this crisis has the potential to inflict widespread and substantial damage to public infrastructure, as well as to individual homes, businesses and farms; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that relief efforts commence that action be taken immediately to protect the health and safety of Minnesota citizens; and

WHEREAS, emergency assistance of motor carriers is needed to transport supplies and materials to affected areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, a state of peacetime emergency has been declared in Executive Order 09-05.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

- A state of emergency exists that requires relief from motor carrier registration and fuel trip permit and fee requirements incorporated in Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.187, and Minnesota Statutes chapter 168D, for carriers that are providing direct assistance to the emergency by transporting supplies and equipment used to construct and maintain dikes, and other supplies required during this emergency.
- 2. Vehicles used to provide direct assistance to the emergency are exempted from the seasonal load restrictions on local and state highways and streets imposed under Minnesota Statutes 2008, Section 169.87.
- 3. The regulations incorporated in Minnesota Statutes 2008 Section 221.0314, Subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles shall not apply while those carrier or drivers are providing direct assistance for flood relief.
- 4. Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve commercial motor carriers and drivers from regulations pertaining to driver qualifications, driving of commercial motor vehicles, commercial driver's licenses, and drug and alcohol testing for drivers.
- 5. No commercial carrier operating under terms of this order shall require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008, Section 4.035, Subdivision 2, this Order is effective retroactively to March 22, 2009, and shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the emergency.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2009.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

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MARK RITCHIE Secretary of State