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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, hydrologic conditions indicating a strong potential for severe spring flooding exist in the Red River of the North Basin, Minnesota River Basin, Crow River Basin, St. Croix River Basin, and Upper and Lower Mississippi River Basins; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service reports that points along the Red River of the North are experiencing minor to moderate flooding and are forecast to reach major flood stage within days and points along the Minnesota River are experiencing intermittent ice jams and increased risk of flooding; and

WHEREAS, such conditions contributing to the threat of flooding and inundation include excessive precipitation throughout the fall and winter seasons causing saturated soil conditions, high water equivalency in the current snowpack, full wetlands and ditches that result in minimal available surface storage, and the prospects of additional moisture and ice jams through the spring snowmelt; and

WHEREAS, the closure of secondary roads, sandbagging operations, and other emergency measures is required in response to flooding conditions; and

WHEREAS, counties' emergency operations plans are activated, cities and counties have declared local emergencies, and local jurisdictions have begun requesting state and federal assistance and resources; and

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county, and state governments must be fully utilized to ensure immediate response to protect the life and safety of persons in the affected area, including the tribal nation of Upper Sioux Agency and the following counties: Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Clay, Dakota, Goodhue, Hennepin, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lyon, Marshall, Nicollet, Norman, Polk, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Scott, Sibley, Swift, Traverse, Washington, Wilkin, Wright, and Yellow Medicine, and to protect property and infrastructure from additional damage; and

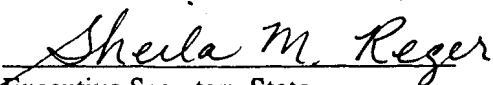
WHEREAS, in response to the emergency conditions, the Governor declared a peacetime state of emergency, activated the State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate state's response to requests for assistance and equipment from communities around the state, directed the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to implement the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, and directed state agencies to provide necessary assistance in the affected areas (Executive Order 10-04); and

WHEREAS, the Governor has also activated members of the Minnesota National Guard to provide personnel and equipment to support Minnesota's emergency operations and to support local relief efforts, including approximately 280 soldiers performing dike patrol and traffic control support in the city of Moorhead; and


WHEREAS, in further response to the emergency conditions, the Governor provided in Executive Order 10-04 for emergency assistance to motor carriers operating in Minnesota during the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the need for the state to provide emergency relief services will continue for more than 5 days and it is, therefore, necessary for the Executive Council to extend the state of emergency pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 2008, Section 12.31, Subdivision 2.

RESOLVED, by the Executive Council of the State of Minnesota, at its meeting on March 19, 2010, that the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 10-04 is extended for 30 days pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008, Section 12.31, Subdivision 2.


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