State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, and continuing thereafter, a series of severe storm systems affected the state of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, these storm systems caused severe weather, including damaging winds, straight-line winds, heavy rains, hail, thunderstorms, and tornadoes, resulting in significant damage to public and private property and power outages resulting from downed power lines and poles; and

WHEREAS, Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Grundy, Johnson, Keokuk, Linn, Mahaska, Wapello and Washington counties suffered significant damage from this event; and

WHEREAS, reports forwarded to the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management by the emergency management coordinators in the affected counties 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 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, 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 Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Grundy, Johnson, Keokuk, Linn, Mahaska, Wapello and Washington 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 authorize the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services under the terms and conditions as allowed by Iowa law to render individual disaster assistance to eligible residents of Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Grundy, Johnson, Keokuk, Linn, Mahaska, Wapello and Washington counties.

SECTION THREE. The Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, county emergency management coordinators, and any other state agencies and private organizations providing services associated with the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program or Iowa Disaster Case Management are authorized to share any information necessary to ensure appropriate resources are provided to eligible residents impacted by this disaster. Such information may be shared throughout the implementation of the programs and shall continue for as long as needed to provide necessary services to residents impacted by this disaster, to include after the formal closure of the program(s).

SECTION FOUR. This state of disaster emergency shall be effective immediately, shall continue for thirty (30) days, and shall expire on May 1, 2023, unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by me.

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 FIRST OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE