  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

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

**PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS,** ON SUNDAY MAY 25, 2008 AND CONTINUING, SEVERE STORM SYSTEMS MOVED ACROSS PORTIONS OF IOWA; AND

**WHEREAS,** THIS STORM SYSTEM SPAWNED SEVERE WEATHER TO INCLUDE TORNADOES, HEAVY RAINS, WIND, HAIL, AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGES, FLOODING AND RELATED IMPACTS TO PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY INCLUDING RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND AGRICULTURE; AND

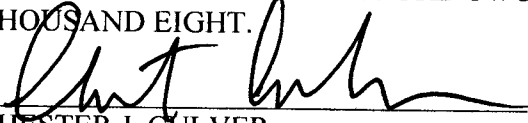
**WHEREAS,** LOCAL OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THIS SEVERE WEATHER NEED ASSISTANCE TO DEAL WITH THE IMPACTS OF THESE STORMS INCLUDING SEARCH AND RESCUE, COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITY, AND DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM DAMAGED STRUCTURES AND TREES; AND

**WHEREAS,** SURVEYS AND REPORTS FORWARDED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT STATE ASSISTANCE WILL BE NEEDED TO RESPOND TO AND RECOVER FROM THE EFFECTS OF THESE STORMS. THIS PROCLAMATION ALSO ACTIVATES THE STATE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEEDED TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS AND MINIMIZE THEIR HARDSHIP:


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR BLACKHAWK, BUCHANAN, BUTLER, AND DELAWARE COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF IOWA, FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED REASONS. THIS PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY AUTHORIZES STATE GOVERNMENTS TO RENDER GOODS AND SUFFICIENT AID TO ASSIST THOSE AREAS IN THIS TIME OF NEED.**



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES, IOWA THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.**

  
CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE