## STATE OF INDIANA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

**EXECUTIVE ORDER: 08-10** 

**FOR:** DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN VERMILLION, VIGO, CLAY, OWEN, GREENE, MORGAN, MONROE, JOHNSON, SHELBY AND BROWN COUNTIES, INDIANA DUE TO HEAVY RAINFALL AND FLASH FLOODING

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, beginning on June 6 and continuing through June 7, 2008, a severe weather system, with record amounts of rainfall, moved through central Indiana. The weather system added extremely heavy rains to ground, lakes, rivers and streams of Indiana that were already saturated at high levels, due to the severe storms impacting the same area over the past week. This resulted in flash flooding, closed roads, breached levees and dams which are all in danger of failing in both Johnson and Morgan counties; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of citizens were without power due to downed, damaged or destroyed power transmission lines caused by this storm system in these counties; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous state and local roads throughout the affected counties remain impassable due to storm debris and/or high water; and

**WHEREAS**, heavy rainfall and flash flooding resulted in many damaged homes, businesses and structures. There has also been significant damage to public property in these areas.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, **I**, **Mitchell E. Daniels**, **Jr.**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby

**DECLARE** that a state of disaster emergency exists in Vermillion, Vigo, Clay, Owen, Greene, Morgan, Monroe, Johnson, Brown and Shelby counties. This declaration of disaster emergency shall be effective beginning on June 6, 2008 and shall continue for thirty (30) days unless, prior to July 6, 2008, I determine that emergency conditions no longer exist and I terminate the state of disaster emergency by a subsequent executive order or proclamation; and

**ORDER** the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, having already begun implementation of the State Emergency Plan, to enlist the support of such other state agencies as are needed and to provide needed emergency services.

**ORDER** the Executive Director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to coordinate all necessary assistance with appropriate federal, state and local agencies. Such assistance may include financial assistance from the State Disaster Relief Fund; however, any assistance from the State Disaster Relief Fund is to be limited exclusively to appropriate individual assistance grants to persons in the damaged areas of the aforementioned counties impacted by the heavy rains and subsequent flooding.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.** 

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Governor of Indiana

**SEAL** 

ATTEST: Todd Rokita Secretary of State

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