

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-16T

IMPLEMENTING TEMPORARY REGULATORY WAIVERS FOR MOTOR CARRIERS PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR STORM RELIEF EFFORTS

WHEREAS, several states have suffered, and will continue to suffer, considerable damage and economic loss from storm winds and flooding due to Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, all states are working in concert to assist with the relief efforts in the affected areas; and

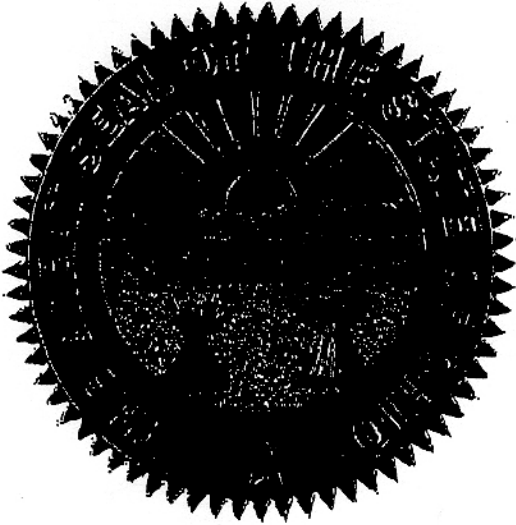
WHEREAS, commercial motor vehicles will be transporting food, clothing, other supplies, and relief workers and equipment to the designated areas; and

WHEREAS, many of these commercial vehicles will travel in and through the State of Ohio and may not be registered, have operating authority, meet loading requirements, and load length limitations, or be in compliance with other laws and regulations administered by the Ohio Department of Taxation ("ODT"), Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO"), the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and the Ohio Department of Public Safety ("ODPS").

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Taft, Governor of the State of Ohio, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby order and direct that the ODT, PUCO, ODOT, and ODPS shall waive all economic requirements normally associated with interstate motor transportation, except those regulations relating to safe operation and those requiring the vehicle to be in safe operating condition, upon showing that such transportation is intended to benefit areas and victims located within the affected regions. Oversize/overweight permits must be secured when required by law or regulation but no fees shall be charged. I further order and direct the aforementioned agencies to waive taxes, assessments, road fees, registration fees or other charges normally required of interstate motor carriers, upon a showing that such transportation is intended to benefit areas and victims located within the affected regions. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed as waiving or

otherwise affecting any other state, federal, municipal or local government laws, rules, or ordinances governing interstate motor transportation.

This Executive Order shall be in effect immediately and shall remain in force for sixty (60) days, unless extended for an additional period of time.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 1st day of September, in the year Two Thousand Five.

Bob Taft

Governor Bob Taft

ATTEST:

Henetta Blackwell
Secretary of State