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GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Proclamation Regarding Waiver of Economic Requirements for States Assisting with Emergency Relief Efforts

1. **Weather Situation in Ohio and Other States in the Midwest.** Many counties in Ohio have been affected by a series of severe storms that have caused serious damage and have jeopardized the health, safety, and well-being of many Ohioans. These severe storms have been moving across other states in the Midwest region of the country, producing high winds, tornados, heavy rain, flooding, and flash flooding, and creating dangerous conditions and damages.
2. **State, Federal and Other Assistance to the Impacted States.** In an effort to provide assistance to Ohio's citizens, and all those who have been affected by the severe storms in the Midwest, all states are working in concert to assist with relief efforts in this region. Commercial motor vehicles will be transporting relief workers, equipment, food, clothing, and other supplies to the impacted region. However, many vehicles traveling in and through the State may not be registered with the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"). Consequently, these vehicles may not have authority to operate in the State, meet loading requirements and load length limitations, or be in compliance with other laws and regulations administered by ODOT, the Ohio Department of Taxation ("ODT"), the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO"), and the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS").
3. **Waiver of Economic Requirements.** Because Ohio is committed to not only ensuring that its citizens have the resources they need in order to begin the rebuilding process, but to also providing support to other Midwestern states affected by recent storms, I hereby authorize the waiver of all economic requirements normally associated with interstate motor transportation, except those relating to safe operation and those requiring the vehicles to be in safe operating condition. The waiver will apply upon

a showing that such transportation is intended to benefit the impacted areas and victims located in the Midwest region. Additionally, this waiver will still require commercial motor vehicles to secure oversize/overweight permits when required by law or regulation; however, no fees shall be charged for these permits. I further direct ODOT, ODT, PUCO, and ODPS to waive taxes, assessments, road fees, registration fees and other charges normally required of interstate motor carriers. Nothing in this Emergency Proclamation shall be construed as otherwise affecting any other state, federal or local government laws, rules or ordinances governing interstate motor transportation.

4. I signed this Emergency Proclamation on August 25, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio and it will take effect immediately. It will remain in effect until the emergency no longer exists as determined by the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency. The Executive Director will coordinate the State's response efforts and terminate the emergency upon the recommendation of appropriate officials at the State level and the local levels of counties impacted by the severe storms.



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Ted Strickland, Governor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State