State of Iowa

Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, The 2012 grain harvest has begun across Iowa; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing drought over the summer of 2012 has impaired yields throughout the state and made more acute the need to timely collect and protect the yields that have endured; and

WHEREAS Concerns over uncertain weather during the harvest have hastened the harvest resulting in large amounts of agricultural truck traffic throughout the state; and,

WHEREAS, Strict compliance with the permit and fee requirements of Iowa Code §321E.29 and 761 Iowa Admin. Code 511 allowing oversize and overweight divisible loads under certain circumstances will prevent or hinder efforts to cope with this time-sensitive harvest in all counties of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority invested in me by the Constitution, Article IV Sections 1 and 8 and Iowa Code §29C.6(1), do hereby proclaim a state of disaster emergency for the entire state of Iowa.

Further, pursuant to Iowa Code §29C.6(6), I hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code §§321.463(5)(a), (b), 321E.29 and 761 Iowa Admin. Code 511, to the extent that those provisions restrict the movement of oversize and overweight loads of soybeans, corn, hay, straw, silage and stover, and require a permit to transport such loads.

Suspension of these provisions applies to loads transported on all highways within Iowa, excluding the interstate system, and those which do not exceed a maximum of 90,000 pounds gross weight, do not exceed the maximum axle weight limit determined under the nonprimary highway maximum gross weight table in Iowa Code §321.463(5)(b), by more than twelve and one-half percent (12.5%), do not exceed the legal maximum axle weight limit of 20,000 pounds, and comply with posted limits on roads and bridges.

This action is intended to allow vehicles transporting soybeans, corn, hay, straw and stover to be oversize and overweight, not exceeding 90,000 pounds gross weight, without a permit, but only for the duration of this proclamation.

Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from any other portion of the Iowa Code or Iowa Administrative Code not specifically identified in this proclamation.

This proclamation shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on the day of the execution of this proclamation and shall expire 60 days from the date issued. The Iowa Department of Transportation is hereby directed to monitor the operation of this proclamation to assure the public's safety and facilitate the movement of trucks involved in our state's harvest.

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 this 4th day of September in the year of our Lord Two thousand twelve.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE