

EXECUTIVE ORDER
20-17

WHEREAS, our citizens have the right to peacefully assemble and protest and the State of Missouri is committed to protecting the lawful exercise of the citizens' constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the events that are occurring or could occur in the cities of Kansas City and St. Louis, and other affected communities in the State of Missouri, have created or may create conditions of distress and hazards to the safety, welfare, and property of the residents and visitors of these communities beyond the capacities of local jurisdictions and other established agencies; and

WHEREAS, the rule of law must be maintained in the cities of Kansas City and St. Louis, and other affected communities in the State of Missouri, for the protection, safety, welfare, and property of the residents, visitors, and businesses of those communities; and

WHEREAS, additional resources of the State of Missouri are or may be needed to help relieve the conditions of distress and hazard to the safety and welfare of the residents of the cities of Kansas City and St. Louis, and other affected communities in the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessary to declare the existence of an emergency pursuant to Chapter 44, RSMo, are found to exist due to this civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, an invocation of the provisions of sections 44.010 through 44.130, RSMo, is necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with community leaders, public safety officials, and emergency preparedness officials, I have determined that the following actions are necessary and appropriate to provide for the safety and welfare of Missouri's residents, visitors, private property, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL L. PARSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, including Sections 44.010 through 44.130, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri due to civil unrest.

I further order, pursuant to Sections 41.480 and 41.690, RSMo, the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, or his designee, to forthwith call and order into active service such portions of the organized militia as he deems necessary to aid the executive officials of Missouri, to protect life and property, and it is further ordered and directed that the Adjutant General or his designee, and through him, the commanding officer of any unit or other organization of such organized militia so called into active service take such action and employ such equipment as may be necessary in support of civilian authorities, and provide such assistance as may be authorized and directed by the Governor of this State.

I also terminate Executive Order 20-11.

This order shall be terminated upon execution of a subsequent Executive Order.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 24th day of September, 2020.

Michael L. Parson, Governor

John R. Ashcroft
Secretary of State