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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE

GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's war with Iran has disrupted the global flow of trade through the Strait of Hormuz; and,

WHEREAS, according to the United States Energy Information Administration (EIA), the conflict has "dramatically reduced the availability of oil supplies to global markets and has had cascading effects across oil supply chains"; and,

WHEREAS, diesel fuel prices in Illinois have risen to a record high; and,

WHEREAS, the EIA predicts that "constraints to exporting oil from the Middle East will persist through the end of the year, which keeps crude oil production in the region below pre-conflict averages until the second quarter of 2027;" and,

WHEREAS, distillate fuel inventories in the United States are predicted to remain below the five-year (2021 to 2025) low through much of 2027, further contributing to increased diesel fuel prices; and,

WHEREAS, high diesel fuel prices have resulted in extraordinary increases in the cost of transportation of agricultural and raw goods, such as beef and grain, in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, increased agricultural transportation costs are passed on to consumers in the form of higher grocery prices; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois farmers are at further risk of loss of profitability due to the Trump Administration's cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which allows eligible Illinois residents to use SNAP benefits to purchase locally grown food; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois farmers are now facing unprecedented financial pressure and instability; and,

WHEREAS, agriculture is a critical economic driver for all of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Illinois Harvest Permit (IHP) program effectively but only temporarily allows heavier truck weights on specified routes during the fall harvest season, from September 1 through December 31 each year; and,

WHEREAS, emergency steps are necessary to minimize the threat that the diesel fuel crisis poses to Illinois farmers and vulnerable families; and,

WHEREAS, the circumstances of the present situation give rise to a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois residents and to the State, require immediate action, and constitute a disaster resulting from critical shortages of essential fuels and energy as provided in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act requiring emergency action by the State; and,

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Illinois that the State will be prepared to address any disasters and, therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional State resources available to ensure public health, safety, and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions provide legal justification under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution, in Article V, Section 8, provides that “[t]he Governor shall have the supreme executive power, and shall be responsible for the faithful execution of the laws[,]” and states, in the Preamble, that a central purpose of the Illinois Constitution is to “provide for the health, safety and welfare of the people”;

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois and declare all counties in the state as a disaster area. The proclamation authorizes the exercise of all the emergency powers provided in Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, including but not limited to those specific emergency powers set forth below.

Section 2. State agencies, including but not limited to the Illinois Department of Revenue, the Illinois State Police, and IDOT, are directed to implement any Executive Orders issued pursuant to this disaster proclamation, and to evaluate measures to address the shortage and high cost of diesel during the harvest season.

Section 3. Pursuant to Sections 7(1), (2) and (3) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7(1), (2) and (3), this proclamation activates the Governor’s authority, as necessary, to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute, rule or regulation; to utilize all available resources of the State; and to transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of State departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency response programs.

Section 4. This proclamation shall be in effect immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.



JB Pritzker
Governor

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