

STATE OF MONTANA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22-05

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN THE AFTERMATH
OF HURRICANE RITA, WARRANTING THE EXERCISE OF MONTANA'S DISASTER
AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita came ashore in the states of Louisiana and Texas creating destruction and devastation throughout portions of the states; and

WHEREAS, the states impacted by this catastrophic event have declared disasters to exist and the President has declared the impacted states major federal disaster areas; and

WHEREAS, the impacted states have committed all of their resources as well as the resources of surrounding states in an attempt to provide for immediate needs of disaster victims and to assist in restoring essential government services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana is a member of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact ("EMAC"), pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. Title 10, chapter 3, part 10, through which Montana can provide mutual assistance to member states in order to respond to disasters that overextend the ability of those other member states to reduce, counteract, or remove the danger; and

WHEREAS, due to the destruction and devastation from Hurricane Rita, the State of Montana desires and is able to provide assistance as requested from the member states impacted by the Hurricane; and

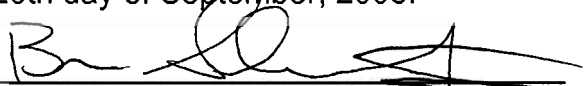
WHEREAS, these conditions warrant the Governor to mobilize state resources, including but not limited to the Montana National Guard, under the terms and conditions of EMAC to meet the needs of the impacted member states; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has broad statutory authority under Mont. Code Ann. Title 10, chapter 3, to mobilize state resources in the event of a disaster.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare that a disaster exists, as defined in Mont. Code Ann. 10-3-303(3) warranting the State of Montana's support to the states impacted by Hurricane Rita.

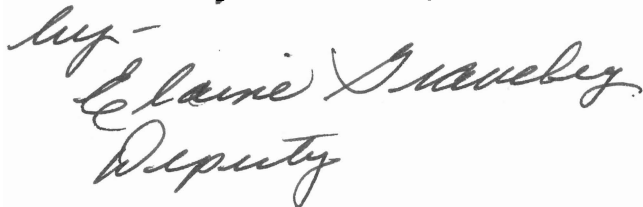
This Order is effective September 26, 2005

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 26th day of September, 2005.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:


BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State


Deputy