

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2009

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN SUPPORT OF
FLOODING IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA, WARRANTING THE
EXERCISE OF MONTANA'S DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Red River that flows along the North Dakota and Minnesota border is currently flooding at record levels impacting the citizens of both states and creating destruction and devastation throughout these 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 their resources and are seeking resources from the surrounding states in an attempt to provide for immediate needs of disaster victims and 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 the Red River flooding, the states of North Dakota and Minnesota have requested mutual aid from Montana, and the state of Montana desires and is able to provide assistance as requested from the member states impacted by this ongoing event; and

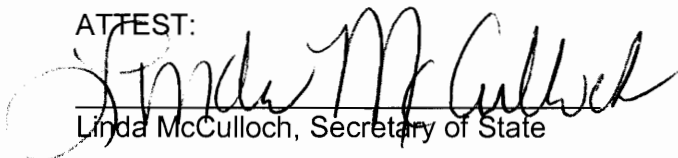
WHEREAS, these conditions warrant the Governor to mobilize state resources, including but not limited to the Montana National Guard under the terms and conditions of EMAC to meet the needs of the impacted member states.

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 authorize mobilization of Montana resources, including but not limited to the Montana National Guard, to assist the states of North Dakota and Minnesota under the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, codified at Mont. Code Ann. Title 10, chapter 3, part 10.

This Order is retroactive to March 27, 2009.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this
30th day of March, 2009.

ATTEST:


Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor