STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2011

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN VALLEY COUNTY, INCLUDING THE CITY OF GLASGOW AND THE TOWN OF NASHUA

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, the winter months of December 2010 and January, February and March, 2011 have seen record accumulations of both snowfall and the associated snow water equivalence in the entire Milk River drainage in northeast Montana and southern Saskatchewan, Canada; and

WHEREAS, the record snowfall is melting, causing the Milk River and all of its tributaries to overflow their banks impacting large areas of Valley County, as well as the City of Glasgow and the Town of Nashua; and

WHEREAS, local officials recognized the need to undertake emergency planning measures and have requested assistance from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in raising the flood dike around the Town of Nashua and inspecting other flood protection infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glasgow and the Town of Nashua declared a flood emergency to exist on April 4, 2011, while Valley County declared a flood emergency on April 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Valley County has already committed 2 mills to cover previous emergencies this year and continues to accrue emergency flood related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the flooding continues to place a strain on the financial capabilities of Valley County, the City of Glasgow, and the Town of Nashua; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of an emergency authorizes the Governor under § 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare under § 10-3-302, MCA, an emergency to exist in Valley County, the City of Glasgow, and the Town of Nashua, State of Montana and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other claims against the State from the general fund, pursuant to § 10-3-311, MCA.

This Order is effective April 4, 2011.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 22nd day of April, 2011

Brian Schweitzer, Governo

ATTEST: LEwna McCullach by Homes Causa Chief Deputy Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State