STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 16-2016

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY
TO EXIST ON THE FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2016, a severe windstorm with winds in excess of 100 mph caused significant damage to homes and buildings within the Fort Peck Indian Reservation;

WHEREAS, over one hundred private homes, sixty-four tribally owned homes, and various facilities on the reservation sustained roof and structure damage from the high winds and heavy rain;

WHEREAS, these conditions caused life threatening situations and a substantial threat to life and property;

WHEREAS, Tribal personnel spent many hours removing debris from the public streets to allow for emergency vehicle access to protect life and safety;

WHEREAS, the Fort Peck Tribes have committed all available resources, taken all possible actions to respond, mitigate and alleviate the situation, and clear the debris from the public streets;

WHEREAS, this event exhausted the available resources of the Fort Peck tribal government, and is beyond its financial capability to respond to;

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2016, the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board declared a disaster to exist in accordance with the Constitution and By Laws of The Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, 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 under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare an emergency to exist on The Fort Peck Reservation, State of Montana.

This Order is effective June 24, 2016.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this
___31st___ day of October, 2016.

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STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

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LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State