## STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2013

## EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN THE STATE OF MONTANA INCLUDING THE COUNTIES OF BLAINE, CHOUTEAU, CUSTER, DAWSON, FERGUS, GARFIELD, GOLDEN VALLEY, HILL, JUDITH BASIN, MCCONE, MUSSELSHELL, PETROLEUM, PHILLIPS, ROSEBUD, and VALLEY IN ADDITION TO THE ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION AND THE FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, record or near record amounts of rain fell on portions of North central and Eastern portions of the state between May 19, 2013 and June 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rains have and continue to cause rivers, streams and tributaries to overflow their banks impacting large areas across the state including the aforementioned Indian reservations; and

WHEREAS, there have been reports of reservoirs over flowing, road and culverts damaged, government and tribal infrastructure damage as well as widespread reports of flooded basements and crawl spaces; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Coordination Center has received numerous declarations of emergencies from local and tribal jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary state government services, equipment and supplies under this executive order will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve lives, property and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions, pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, the Governor may mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health, and property and may expend funds to meet contingencies and needs that may arise from the emergency.

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 in the State of Montana including the counties of Blaine, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Rosebud and Valley, in addition to the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the Fort Belknap Reservation.

This Order is effective June 3, 2013.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this day of June, 2013

STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

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