STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 06-2013

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST WITHIN THE STATE OF MONTANA INCLUDING THE COUNTIES OF BLAINE, CHOUTEAU, CUSTER, DAWSON, FERGUS, GARFIELD, HILL, MCCONE, MUSSELSHELL, PETROLEUM, PHILLIPS, ROSEBUD, and VALLEY IN ADDITION TO THE ROCKY BOYS RESERVATION, THE FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION and THE FORT PECK RESERVATION

WHEREAS, between May 19, 2013 and June 3, 2013, a series of storm systems moved across central and eastern Montana resulting in widespread heavy rainfall and flooding; and

WHEREAS, some of the locations within the impacted areas received between two hundred and six hundred percent of normal precipitation during this time period; and

WHEREAS, an Executive Order proclaiming an Emergency to exist within the state was signed on June 6, 2013 identifying the impacted areas and activating the State of Montana Emergency Response Framework; and

WHEREAS, because of the aforementioned information, I did request assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the form of Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments to determine the magnitude of the damages incurred by this flooding to local and tribal jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted and preliminary estimates indicate the damages exceed the capability of the State of Montana to recover from this disaster; and

WHEREAS, a formal request to the President of the United States will be drafted and signed by me requesting federal assistance through the FEMA; and

WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health and property and authorize the Governor under Section 10-3-312 (1), MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the emergency; and

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 that a disaster exists within the State of Montana, as defined in Sections 10-3-103 (3) and 10-3-303, MCA.

This order is effective June 24, 2013.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL Of the State of Montana, this <u></u> day of June 2013

STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTESTED:

LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State

