

STATE OF MONTANA
Office of the Governor
Executive Order No. 3

**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST WITHIN THE CITY OF
MILES CITY, CUSTER COUNTY, MONTANA**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2009, a multi-structure fire occurred within the 700 block of Main Street in Miles City, Montana; and

WHEREAS, structure fires continue to burn out of control threatening adjacent businesses and has created an imminent threat of a disaster which timely action can avert or minimize; and

WHEREAS, heavy smoke is creating a hazardous situation to responders and residents in the area and evacuations have been ordered for the immediate area of the fires and the majority of Main Street remains without electricity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miles City has requested support from the State of Montana to stabilize this event; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions, pursuant to § 10-3-302 and § 10-3-312, MCA, the Governor may mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health, and property and may expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws, do hereby declare, under § 10-3-302, MCA, that a state of emergency exists in the State of Montana, and authorize the expenditure of funds from the general fund, under § 10-3-312, MCA.

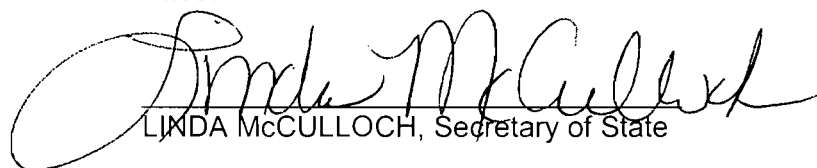
This order is effective March 23, 2009.

Given under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this 24th
Day of March, 2009



BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

Attest:



LINDA McCULLOCH, Secretary of State