

**STATE OF MONTANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34-08**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST  
IN PARK COUNTY, MONTANA**

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WHEREAS, in June 2008 heavy spring runoff in the Yellowstone River in the area of Livingston in Park County, Montana, has produced flood stage conditions for Park County; and

WHEREAS, this event has caused damage to two bridges located in Livingston, with one of those bridges being washed out and impassable; and

WHEREAS, the washed out bridge is the only bridge to an inhabited island, and the estimated cost to replace the bridge is in the millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2008, Park County declared an emergency to exist and has exhausted or will exhaust all available emergency levies; and

WHEREAS, Park County has requested assistance from the State of Montana because the emergency is beyond the financial capability of the County to respond for the protection of life and property and no appropriation in the affected fund is available in sufficient amount to meet the emergency; and

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

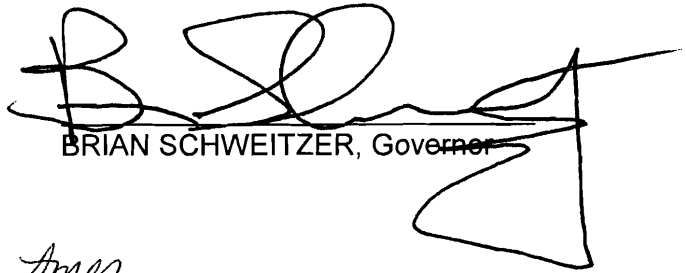
WHEREAS, a declaration of an emergency under section 10-3-302, MCA, authorizes the Governor under section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property or natural resources.

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 under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare an emergency to exist in Park County, Montana, and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other claims against the state from the general fund.

This Order is effective June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 23 day of June, 2008.



BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:

*Brad Johnson by Susan Ames, deputy*  
BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State