

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 5 - 2009.

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN THE CENTRAL AND
NORTH CENTRAL PORTIONS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, a large, slow-moving weather system produced extraordinary amounts of heavy, wet snow over most of the State of Montana, causing serious conditions in areas of central and north central portions of the state; and

WHEREAS, the heavy snow fall has created extreme and serious conditions related to opening and keeping state, county, local and tribal roadways open for vehicular travel; and

WHEREAS, the areas of extreme conditions are rural areas and there are many residents stranded who have been without outside contact, food and medical assistance for several days; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Coordination Center has received local and tribal declarations from Pondera County, City of Conrad, Town of Valier, Glacier County, Lewis & Clark County, Toole County, City of Cut Bank, Cascade County, Town of Browning and the Blackfoot Nation; and

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

WHEREAS, a declaration of an emergency authorizes the Governor under § 10-3-312, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from the this emergency.

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 that an emergency exists in the central and north central portions of the State of Montana, and do hereby authorize the expenditure of money from the general fund by the following agencies: the Montana Department of Transportation, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and the Department of Military Affairs.

This Order is retroactive to April 26, 2009.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this
3rd day of May 2009


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:

LINDA McCULLOCH, Secretary of State