

State of Montana
Office of the Governor
Executive Order No. ##-##

**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST
IN THE STATE OF MONTANA**

WHEREAS, extremely hazardous wildland fire conditions currently exist throughout the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the hot and dry conditions are predicted to continue through the summer months of _____; and

WHEREAS, numerous wildland fires have occurred in the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, in the past, an aggressive initial attack on all wildland fire starts has been the top priority of Montana's fire fighting forces; and

WHEREAS, an aggressive initial attack considerably reduces the number of large wildland fires, which in turn significantly reduces the damage to both public and private property; and

WHEREAS, continued aggressive initial attacks on all future wildland fire starts are needed to protect lives and property in the state; and

WHEREAS, additional state resources are needed to reinforce Montana's initial attack capabilities and support reduction of large wildland fires should they occur; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires have been and are currently burning and have created an imminent threat of a disaster, which timely actions can avert or minimize; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions pursuant to §§ 10-3-302, 10-3-311, 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 to meet contingencies and needs that may arise from the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, 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, specifically including the counties of _____ as defined in §§ 10-3-103 and 10-3-302, MCA.

This order is effective _____, 20__.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, This __ day of __, 20__.

Governor

ATTESTED:

Secretary of State

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