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Executive Order No. 3-96

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER
TO EXIST IN MONTANA

WHEREAS, unseasonably warm temperatures mixed with rainfall have produced a rapid snow melt, causing ice jams and flooding, and have forced the evacuation of residences and caused damage to public and private property in the state; and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions are committing all available resources and taking all possible actions to respond, mitigate and alleviate the situation, and the local resources are not sufficient to meet the conditions; 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 preserve the lives, property and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

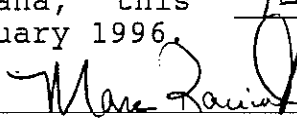
WHEREAS, a proclamation of an emergency or disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend

1 funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs
2 arising from these conditions.

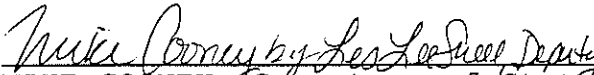
3 NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of
4 Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor
5 under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10,
6 Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby
7 declare that a disaster exists within the State of Montana.

8 This Order is effective immediately.
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11 GIVEN under my hand and the
12 GREAT SEAL of the State of
13 Montana, this 7th day of
14 February 1996.

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18 MARC RACICOT, Governor

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ATTEST:


MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State