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Executive Order No. 5-97

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EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
TO EXIST IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

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WHEREAS, record winter and spring snowfall continue to accumulate in all Montana river basins, and record snow water content exists within the mid-level and higher elevation snowpack; and

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WHEREAS, data provided by members of the State Flood Task Force predict a high probability of significant riverine flooding occurring this spring; and

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WHEREAS, the State Flood Task Force predicts that "average" amounts of precipitation this spring could cause several major river basins to flood in proportions that would exceed the current flood of record; and

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WHEREAS, any significant change in weather conditions producing a rapid or prolonged warming trend, accompanied by rain, could lead to serious and immediate flood conditions; and

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WHEREAS, many local jurisdictions statewide have begun serious efforts to organize resources to respond to flooding events; and



1 Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby  
2 declare that a emergency exists in the State of Montana due to  
3 the imminent threat of flooding.

4 This Order is effective immediately.  
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8 GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT  
9 SEAL of the State of Montana,  
10 this 04 day of APRIL, 1997.

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13 MARC RACICOT, Governor

14 ATTEST:

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17 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State  
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