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## STATE OF MONTANA

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Executive Order No. 06-89

Office of the Governor

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Executive Order permitting early release of non-essential state employees.

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Whereas, Executive Order No. 05-89 proclaimed that a "state of emergency" exists throughout the State of Montana as a result of severe winter conditions, and

Whereas, commencing approximately 5:00 a.m., Mountain Standard time, a serious train derailment accident occurred within two miles of the Capitol complex, and

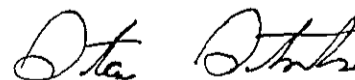
Whereas, such derailment appears to have released potentially hazardous fumes requiring the evacuation of all persons within a 1/2 mile radius of the accident scene and has caused power outages throughout the city of Helena, and

Whereas, at the time of entering this order, there is a possibility that such hazardous fumes may engulf an area that contains the Capitol complex, and the most reliable information indicates that it is both reasonable and prudent to release state employees during the time such danger persists, and

Whereas, the best available information provides that the accident derailment and potentially hazardous fumes will be contained within a 12-14 hour period;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable laws, declare that a state of emergency persists and is aggravated with the derailment accident. I authorize the release of all non-essential personnel of the State of Montana for February 2, 1989, effective at 12:00 noon. This authorization of release is effective for February 2, 1989, only. Unless otherwise directed by the Governor, all State of Montana employees shall resume their duties and responsibilities at the start of business on February 3, 1989.

Given under my hand and the  
GREAT SEAL of the State of  
Montana, this 7th day of  
February, in the year of our  
LORD, one thousand, nine  
hundred and eighty-nine.



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STAN STEPHENS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State