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**Executive Order No. 7-99**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER  
TO EXIST IN THE TOWN OF OPHEIM IN VALLEY COUNTY**

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WHEREAS, on June 21, 1999, a severe thunderstorm and  
tornado swept through the Town of Opheim in Valley County; and

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WHEREAS, the tornado caused considerable damage to private  
and public property; and

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WHEREAS, the tornado created a substantial amount of debris  
from damaged buildings, broken and uprooted trees, as well as  
power outages resulting from downed power lines, creating a  
significant public health and safety hazard; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Opheim has committed all available  
resources and taken all possible actions to respond, mitigate  
and alleviate the situation, and the local resources are not  
sufficient to respond to the conditions; and

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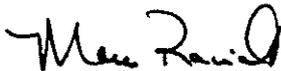
WHEREAS, the Town of Opheim declared a disaster and has  
exhausted all available emergency levies by appropriating  
emergency funding in an amount equivalent to a two (2) mill levy  
on the town's taxable valuation, pursuant to section 10-3-405,  
MCA, to respond in the aftermath of the severe weather; and

1           WHEREAS, a proclamation of a disaster authorizes the  
2 Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the  
3 general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these  
4 conditions.

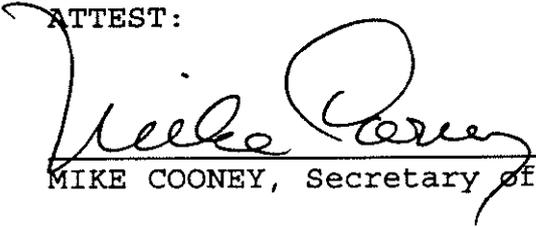
5           NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of  
6 Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor  
7 under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10,  
8 Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby  
9 declare a disaster to exist in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

10           This Order is effective June 21, 1999.

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15           GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT  
16 SEAL of the State of Montana,  
17 this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1999.

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20 MARC RACICOT, Governor

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24 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State  
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