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Executive Order No. 10-99

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EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN THE EASTERN MONTANA FIRE ZONE INCLUDING THE COUNTIES OF BIG HORN, BLAINE, CARBON, CARTER, CHOUTEAU, CUSTER, DANIELS, DAWSON, FALLON, FERGUS, GARFIELD, GOLDEN VALLEY, HILL, JUDITH BASIN, LIBERTY, MCCONE, MUSSELSHELL, PETROLEUM, PHILLIPS, POWDER RIVER, PRAIRIE, RICHLAND, ROOSEVELT, ROSEBUD, SHERIDAN, STILLWATER, SWEET GRASS, TREASURE, VALLEY, WHEATLAND, WIBAUX, AND YELLOWSTONE

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WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions and high winds have combined to create hazardous fire conditions throughout the Eastern Montana Fire Zone of the State; and

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

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WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health and property and authorize the Governor under sections 10-3-311 and 10-3-312(b), MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the emergency; and

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WHEREAS, a proclamation of an emergency authorizes the Governor, under section 10-3-104(2)(a), MCA, to suspend section

1 2-18-501, MCA, to allow reasonable expenditures for food and
2 lodging for activated National Guard and state agency personnel
3 responding to an emergency.

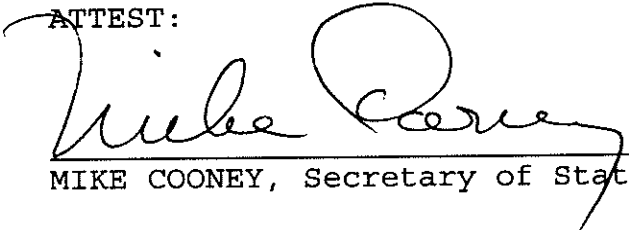
4 NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of
5 Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor
6 under the Constitution of the State of Montana and Title 10,
7 Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby
8 declare that a state of emergency exists in the Eastern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

10 This Order is effective July 24, 1999.

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15 GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
16 SEAL of the State of Montana,
17 this 26th day of July, 1999.

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20 MARC RACICOT, Governor

21 ATTEST:

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24 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State
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