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Executive Order No. 11-99

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST
IN FERGUS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LEWISTOWN

11 WHEREAS, on August 14, 1999, severe thunderstorms and
12 tornado activity swept through Fergus County and the City of
13 Lewistown; and

14 WHEREAS, tornado activity created a substantial amount of
15 debris from damaged buildings, broken and uprooted trees, power
16 and communication outages, and disrupted gas lines, creating a
17 significant public health and safety hazard; and

18 WHEREAS, although local jurisdictions are committing all
19 available resources and taking all possible actions to respond,
20 mitigate, and alleviate the situation, local resources may not
21 be able to respond to the conditions; and

22 WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to
23 mobilize state resources, including the Montana National Guard,
24 to protect life, health and property and authorize the Governor
25 under section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general
26 fund to meet contingencies arising from the disaster; and

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