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Executive Order No. 23-96

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EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING CONDITIONS AS DEFINED IN SECTIONS 10-3-103 AND 10-3-302, MCA, TO EXIST AS A RESULT OF WILDLAND FIRES AFFECTING WHEATLAND, GOLDEN VALLEY, MUSSELSHELL, SWEET GRASS, STILLWATER, CARBON, YELLOWSTONE, BIGHORN, TREASURE, ROSEBUD, PRAIRIE, WIBAUX, CUSTER, FALLON, POWDER RIVER AND CARTER COUNTIES

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WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions and high winds have combined to create hazardous fire conditions in identified areas of the state; and

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WHEREAS, wildland fires are currently burning and have created an imminent threat of 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 Section 10-3-312(b), MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the emergency.

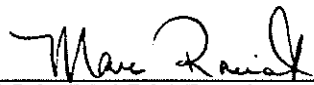
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10,


1 Chapter, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby
2 declare that a state of emergency exists in the State of Montana
3 as defined in Sections 10-3-103 and 10-3-302, MCA.
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5 This Order is given immediately.
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7 GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
8 SEAL of the State of Montana,
9 this 5th day of September, 1996.

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12 MARC RACICOT, Governor

11 ATTEST.

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14 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State
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