State of Montana
Office of the Governor

Executive Order 17-2010

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 20, 2010, tornadoes touched down in Yellowstone County, causing widespread damage to multiple locations within the City of Billings and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Metra Park Arena building suffered substantial damage to the entire roof; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Coordination Center has received reports of damage to residences in the Billings Heights area; and

WHEREAS, local officials have requested and received assistance from the Montana Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions, pursuant to 10-3-302, 10-3-311, and 10-3-312, MCA, the Governor may mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health, and property and may expend funds to meet contingencies and needs that may arise from the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Montana Constitution, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare that an emergency exists in the State of Montana, as defined in §§ 10-3-103 and 10-3-302, MCA, and do hereby authorize expenditures by state agencies to respond to the emergency in accordance with § 10-3-312, MCA.

This Order is effective June 20, 2010.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 21st day of June, 2010.

Brian Schweitzer, Governor

Attest:

Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State