

**STATE OF MONTANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 10-2020**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER SUPERSEDING EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 13-00  
TRANSFERRING ADMINISTRATIVE OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAND FROM THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2000, Executive Order No. 13-00 authorized the transfer of certain lands located in Jefferson County, Montana, as well as their administrative management to the Department of Corrections (DOC), from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS);

**WHEREAS**, these lands comprised the former Montana Developmental Center Campus, as well as residual lands to the West, South, and East of the campus;

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the 64th Legislature passed Senate Bill 411, thus prescribing the closure of the Montana Developmental Center, which had remained the property of DPHHS, and in turn requiring confirmation of fee title ownership for the property's final disposition;

**WHEREAS**, the fee title determination showed that certain parcels of land comprising the Montana Developmental Center were in fact State of Montana Trust Lands falling under the purview of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC);

**WHEREAS**, DPHHS and DNRC now desire to enter into a land exchange wherein the State Trust Lands within the boundaries of the Montana Developmental Center would be exchanged for replacement lands of equal to or greater than acreage and value, upon approval by the State Board of Land Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, portions of land previously transferred under Executive Order No. 13-00 to DOC are suitable replacement lands for the proposed land exchange, subject to approval by the State Board of Land Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, DOC, DPHHS, and DNRC have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding transferring administrative management and control over the previously transferred land—as described in the attached Exhibit A—back to DPHHS, contingent on receiving approval of this transfer by Executive Order, to effectuate the proposed land exchange.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, Title 2, Chapter 15, MCA, and other applicable statutes, do hereby declare and approve the transfer of and management of the lands identified in the attached exhibit from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

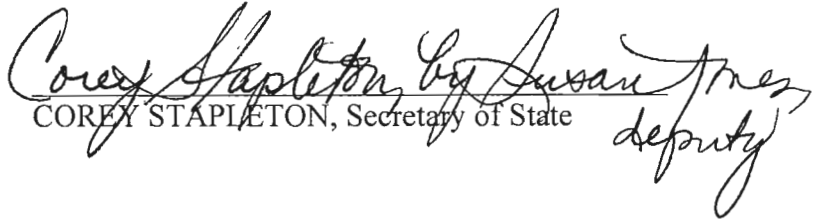
This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 14 day of October, 2020.



  
STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

  
COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State *deputy*

## **EXHIBIT A**

### Legal Description of Land Parcel

Tract 1, Tract 2, Tract 3 and Government Lot 4 of Certificate of Survey Number 274902, Folio 1090A, located within the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 4 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, P.M.M., Jefferson County, Montana.