

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14-2017**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN THE CITY OF
HAVRE AND THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATION IN MONTANA**

WHEREAS, a severe winter storm and high winds impacted the City of Havre and the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation with up to two feet of heavy wet snow during the evening of October 2, 2017;

WHEREAS, the severe winter storm caused damage to power lines, trees, vehicles and buildings and created large amounts of debris from fallen or damaged trees;

WHEREAS, the storm downed power lines and closed roads that left Havre and the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation without power for two weeks in some remote locations;

WHEREAS, the Fort Belknap tribal government set up shelters and provided food, water and warmth to over 675 residents on the reservation;

WHEREAS, City of Havre personnel worked long hours and hired private contractors to remove debris from city streets to provide access to emergency response vehicles for life and safety;

WHEREAS, the City of Havre and the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation utilized, committed, and exhausted all available resources to reduce the hazards and restore necessary services to their residents, and have formally requested financial assistance from the State; and

WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor under § 10-3-312(1), MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that a state of disaster exists in the City of Havre and the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, as defined in § 10-3-103 and § 10-3-303, MCA.

This Order is effective October 3, 2017.





GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 9th day of
November 2017.



STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:



COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State
by  deputy