

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3-2017**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST
ON THE ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2016, the Rocky Boy Rural Water System (PWS# 08-3090075) was shut down due to numerous breaks at residences and in the main line;

WHEREAS, these breaks led to loss of pressure and depleted the water storage in three primary water storage facilities;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a boil order for the residents of the Rocky Boy's Reservation;

WHEREAS, these conditions have caused life threatening situations and a substantial threat to life and property;

WHEREAS, tribal personnel spent many hours repairing water breaks and delivering drinking water to those without water;

WHEREAS, restoration of drinking water services is essential to ensure health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Rocky Boy's Reservation;

WHEREAS, this event is beyond the Chippewa Cree Tribe's financial capabilities;

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2016, the Chippewa Cree Business Committee declared an Emergency Declaration to exist in accordance with the Constitution and By Laws of Rocky Boy's Reservation; and

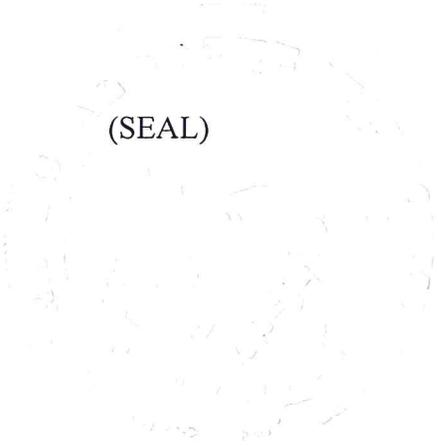
WHEREAS, a declaration of an emergency or disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare an emergency to exist on the Rocky Boy's Reservation, State of Montana.

This Order is effective retroactively to December 21, 2016.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 30th day of
May, 2017.

(SEAL)



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STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

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COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State