

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-2019**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING INCIDENT RESPONSE IN THE STATE OF
MONTANA**

WHEREAS, on or about September 1, 2019, the Thompson Falls School District reported a cyber-incident related to the school's network;

WHEREAS, this incident required cyber-trained All Hazard Incident Management personnel from the Montana National Guard's Defensive Cyber Operations Element to deploy to Thompson Falls in support of civil authorities;

WHEREAS, the Thompson Falls School District requested National Guard assistance through the Director of the Department of Military Affairs and the Disaster and Emergency Services Division;

WHEREAS, The Adjutant General as the department head under § 2-15-1201, MCA, may use National Guard resources and place Montana National Guard personnel on State Duty for Special Work;

WHEREAS, State Duty for Special Work as defined in § 10-1-505(ii), MCA, includes cybersecurity training and operations, vulnerability assessments, situational awareness, investigation, analysis, and incident response;

WHEREAS, the utilization of all necessary and available state government services, equipment, and supplies under this proclamation will further efforts to protect the property and resources of the people of the State of Montana;


WHEREAS, a proclamation of an incident, as defined in § 10-3-310, MCA, authorizes the Governor by executive order upon request of the local governing body, its authorized agent, or a tribal government to activate that part of the state disaster and emergency plan pertaining to incident response; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions pursuant to § 10-3-310, MCA, the Governor may authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other claims against the state from the general fund, in the amount necessary, upon activation of the incident response portion of the state disaster and emergency plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor 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 an incident exists in the Thompson Falls School District as defined in §§ 10-3-103 and 10-3-310, MCA, and hereby authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses for this incident in an amount determined by the Office of Budget and Program Planning consistent with the requirements of § 10-3-310, MCA.

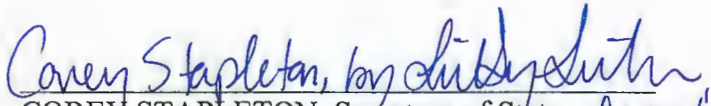
This Order is effective retroactively to September 1, 2019.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 15 day of October 2019.



STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:



COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State *deputy*

