EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, unseasonably heavy snowfall along with warm temperatures has caused and continue to cause rapid snow melt; and

WHEREAS, the rapid snow melt has caused flooding of numerous highways and roads in addition to private property in multiple counties across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service and other agencies, record amounts of snow has fallen on multiple river basins at low, mid and high elevations; and

WHEREAS, current night time temperatures at low and mid elevations have not been falling below freezing which adds to the severity of the flooding; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Coordination Center has received numerous declarations of emergencies from local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of an emergency authorizes the Governor under 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 as Governor 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 in the State of Montana and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other claims against the state from the general fund, pursuant to 10-3-311, MCA.

This Order is effective March 5, 2014.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 10th day of March, 2014

STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State