

**Petroleum County, Montana  
Emergency Declaration**

**RESOLUTION 2023-15**

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. National Weather Service, an above average amount of rain fell in Petroleum County during multiple severe weather events. These weather events have caused severe damage to Petroleum County infrastructure and property due to flooding and flash flooding within the County from May 31, 2023, through June 6, 2023. The U.S. National Weather Service indicates more severe weather events in its projected forecast for Petroleum County in the coming days; and

WHEREAS, restoration of County roads and culverts and engagement emergency protective measures are essential to ensure the health, safety and welfare of residents of Petroleum County; and

WHEREAS, the County has committed all available resources, taken all possible action to combat and to alleviate the situation and local resources are not adequate to cope with the situation; and

WHEREAS, §10-3-103(8) MCA defines "emergency" as the imminent threat of a disaster causing immediate peril to life or property that timely action may avert or minimize;

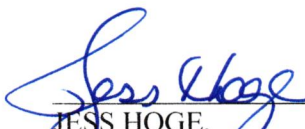
WHEREAS, the Petroleum County Commissioners recognize that a state of emergency exists due to the current and ongoing forecasting of severe weather events within Petroleum County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Petroleum County Commissioners that a PETROLEUM COUNTY EMERGENCY is hereby declared, pursuant to §10-3-402, MCA, because expenditures for repair of damaged public infrastructure may be beyond the financial capacity of the County.

IN ADDITION, with this Emergency Declaration, the Commission directs the implementation of any necessary Emergency Management Plan and authorizes all necessary County agencies, including but not limited to the Petroleum County Department of Emergency Services, to take appropriate action to assist the County and individuals in preparing for, responding to and recovering from this disaster emergency, to protect County and local property, and to provide such other assistance as is necessary to protect the public health, welfare and safety.

DATED this 19 day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:


  
JESS HOGE,  
CLERK AND RECORDER



  
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