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# Petroleum County

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## Petroleum County, Montana Emergency Declaration

**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.

Resolution to follow at next scheduled Commissioner meeting on June 19th by the Petroleum Board of County Commissioners

Paul McKenna  
Petroleum County Commissioner

056203 Fee: \$0.00 Pgs: 1

PETROLEUM COUNTY, MT Recorded 6/22/2023 At 1:39 PM

Jess Hoge, Clerk & Recorder

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## LOCAL DECLARATION REQUEST TO GOVERNOR

Date: 6/21/23

The Honorable Greg Gianforte  
Governor of Montana  
State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Governor Gianforte:

Pursuant to our authority as Petroleum County, Montana, we request that a disaster be declared immediately to provide supplemental disaster relief in accordance with the provisions of Title 10, Chapter 3, Section 311, MCA.

### 1. SITUATION

#### A. Date and description of conditions causing emergency/disaster:

There has been an above average amount of rainfall 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.

#### B. Description of damages to public sector:

*Preliminary damage assessments indicate widespread damage to county roads. An estimated 7 county roads are damaged due to flood damage.*

#### C. Description of damages to private sector:

*Farm and ranch damage is extensive, with damage to crops and irrigation equipment being the most significant. It is estimated that 24 farm or ranch families are affected because of loss of road access.*

#### D. Description of economic impact:

*Immediate economic impact will be significant if the County is required to fix damaged public roads without assistance.*

### 2. OFFICIAL ACTION

A. A local emergency has been declared and the emergency two (2) mill levy authorized by Section 10-3-405, MCA, has been levied. A copy of the signed resolution is attached.

### 3. DAMAGE ESTIMATES

A. Debris Clearance

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B. Protective Measures	\$
C. Road Systems	\$ <u>70,000</u>
D. Water Control Facilities	\$ _____
E. Public Buildings and Related Equipment	\$ _____
F. Public Utilities	\$ _____
G. Public Facilities Under Construction	\$ _____
H. Other Damages (Not in above categories)	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED DAMAGES:</b>	<b>\$ <u>70,000.00</u></b>
<b>4. LOCAL RESOURCES</b>	
Cash balance in Disaster Fund as of June 30, 2023,	\$ <u>124,502.00</u>
Estimated value of 2 mill emergency levy	\$ <u>3130.00</u>
<b>ESTIMATED FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>\$ <u>127,632.00</u></b>
<b>5. ASSISTANCE REQUIRED</b>	
<b>ESTIMATED STATE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:</b>	<b>\$ <u>70,000.00</u></b>

Petroleum County Board of Commissioners

By: [Signature]  
(Chairman)

[Signature]  
(Member)

[Signature]  
(Member)

(SEAL)  
ATTEST: [Signature] (Clerk and Recorder)



cc: Administrator  
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