

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10-2024**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN THE CITY OF MILES
CITY IN CUSTER COUNTY IN THE STATE OF MONTANA**

WHEREAS, on the afternoon and evening of July 13, 2024, the City of Miles City experienced a severe thunderstorm event, with observed wind gusts of 70 to 72 mph within Miles City and a gust of 77 mph near town, lightning strikes, hail and other severe thunderstorm behaviors; and

WHEREAS, this event created substantial damage in the City including hardwood trees completely uprooted and/or snapped across town, downed power poles and lines, roofs/shingles blown off of homes and commercial buildings, trees down onto public streets and on parked vehicles and homes, in city parks and other public areas; and

WHEREAS, impacts to public services included difficulty for emergency vehicles to access certain areas due to downed trees and power lines, loss of power to the City's only water treatment plant for 8 hours and widespread power outages for up to 36 hours in some areas of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Miles City declared a disaster by way of local executive order on July 23, 2024, as a result of the impacts of the storm, and activated applicable portions of their jurisdictional emergency plans and programs including levying up to two mills for disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, the City has reported emergency costs and damages that are more than twice the emergency two mill levy amount and the City's emergency funds; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary State government services, equipment, and suppliers under this proclamation will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property, and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of 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, GREG GIANFORTE, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution, and the laws of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable statutes, do hereby declare under §10-3-103 and §10-3-303, MCA, that a disaster exists in the City of Miles City in Custer County within the State of Montana.

This Order is effective September 12, 2024.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 12th day of
September, 2024.



GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State