

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2025**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WARRANTING
SUPPORT FROM THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE COMMUNITY OF
ANACONDA-DEER LODGE**

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2025, a male individual shot and killed four people in a bar in the town of Anaconda, in Deer Lodge County, Montana and then fled the scene and made his way to the mountainous and thickly forested region outside the town; and

WHEREAS, a significant man-hunt for the shooter who is considered “armed and extremely dangerous,” began Friday morning and is still ongoing with over a dozen county, state and federal agencies and nearly 150 personnel; and

WHEREAS, the consolidated government of Anaconda-Deer Lodge has sustained significant financial costs in this incident, has declared a local emergency, and is requesting support from the State in responding to the ongoing crisis and threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, public safety is the chief responsibility of government; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has broad statutory authority under Montana Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 3, to utilize state resources and funds to provide assistance at the request of local jurisdictions during incidents, emergencies, or disasters that overwhelm their ability to reduce, counteract, or remove the danger.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG GIANFORTE, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Montana Constitution, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) §§ 10-3-103 and 104, 10-3-303, 10-3-310 and 311, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare an emergency exists, warranting the State of Montana’s support to the Anaconda-Deer Lodge jurisdiction.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 5th day of
August, 2025.

 

GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State