

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-2025

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY WARRANTING SUPPORT
FROM THE STATE OF MONTANA TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

WHEREAS, On Friday, October 10th, 2025, Department of Corrections reported that an incident had occurred on site at the Men's State Prison in Deer Lodge affecting the water system; and

WHEREAS, Potable drinking water is needed for roughly 2,000 individuals on the prison facility; and

WHEREAS, The prison also prepares 14,000 meals per day for transport outside of the prison for other entities including the Montana State Hospital; and

WHEREAS, The State Emergency Coordination Center has been activated, and is coordinating with the Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has broad statutory authority under Montana Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 3, to utilize state and National Guard resources and funds to provide assistance at the request of state agencies during incidents, emergencies, or disasters that overwhelm their ability to reduce, counteract, or resolve on their own.

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

This Order is effective October 10, 2025.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 10th day of October, 2025.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, Governor of Montana, placed over a horizontal line.

GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Christi Jacobson, Secretary of State, placed over a horizontal line.

CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State