

**State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor
Executive Order 2011-12**

WHEREAS, The state of South Dakota is going to be impacted by record level water flows on the Missouri River as a result of heavy rains and record snowfall and snowmelt in Montana; and,

WHEREAS, Businesses and homeowners may be impacted by increased water releases from the Oahe Dam, Big Bend Dam, Fort Randall Dam, and Gavins Point Dam; and,

WHEREAS, Flooding may cause widespread damage to public and private infrastructure and may interrupt the normal flow of emergency, school, mail, business and farm traffic; and,

WHEREAS, Flooding may also cause widespread basement flooding; and,

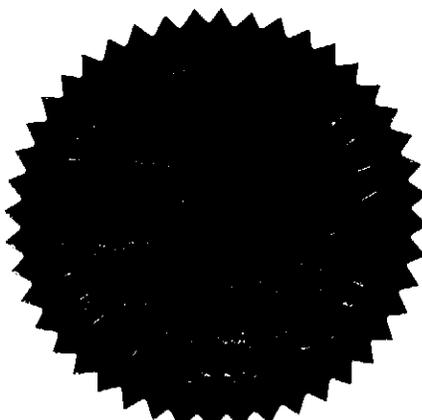
WHEREAS, Emergency shelters may need to be established to house citizens that may be displaced by the devastation of the flooding; and,

WHEREAS, Sandbagging of infrastructure may be needed to assist local governments in protecting property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under provisions of SDCL 33-15, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in the State of South Dakota.

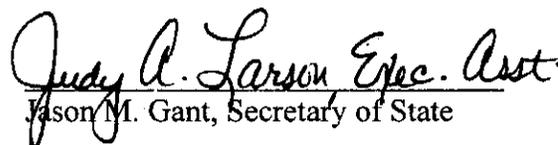
IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, resources available within state government will be utilized under coordination of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management, in support of local government efforts in the protection of lives and property in the affected counties.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this Twenty-fifth day of May, 2011.




Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State