**EMERGENCY OR MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION REQUEST**

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The Honorable

Governor of Montana

State Capitol

Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Governor :

On May 5, 1985, heavy rain began falling with six inches of rain recorded by May 20, 1985. The rain and accompanying warming temperatures, combined with rapid snowmelt in the higher elevations, caused rivers and streams to leave their channels and cause widespread flooding in the county.

Flooding has caused extensive damage to public and private property throughout the county. Over 125 families are homeless and sheltered in public and private facilities, 30 businesses have sustained damage, agricultural losses are extensive and public facilities have sustained major damage.

Local emergency and disaster plans have been activated; county funds, personnel and resources have been committed to disaster operations and a state of disaster has been declared.

Based on preliminary damage assessments for both private and public sectors, we believe that the disaster is of such magnitude that local and state resources will not be capable of effectively alleviating the situation. Therefore, we ask that you submit a request to the President to declare that an emergency or disaster exists for this county under provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 100-707.

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Member

cc: Administrator

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