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**TO:** MG Matthew Quinn, Adjutant General of the Montana National Guard
**FROM:** Governor Steve Bullock
**DATE:** March 14, 2020
**RE:** Directive implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020

Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020, issued pursuant to § 10-3-302, MCA, declare that a state of emergency exists in Montana due to the global outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus.

As provided in § 10-3-305, MCA,

> (1) During an incident and during a state of emergency or disaster, the governor is commander-in-chief of the militia and of all other forces available for incident, emergency, or disaster duty. To the greatest extent possible, the governor shall delegate or assign command authority by prior arrangement embodied in the state disaster and emergency plan and program and appropriate executive orders.
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> (2) The governor shall use the services and facilities of the existing officers and agencies of the state, and all officers and agencies shall cooperate with and extend their services and facilities to the governor as the governor may request in the carrying out of the purposes of parts 1 through 4 of this chapter.

Title 10 provides additional authorities that authorize the use of the Montana National Guard to address a state of emergency. I have determined that the operational capabilities of the Montana National Guard may be necessary to respond to the state of emergency declared in Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020.

Therefore, in accordance with the authority vested in me under the Constitution, Article VI, Section 13, and the laws of the state of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable provisions of the Constitution and Montana law, I hereby authorize the Montana National Guard to conduct activities and operations, subject to the limitations of § 10-3-305, MCA and the Montana Constitution, to respond to the present state of emergency declared in Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020. Any and all activities by the Montana National Guard under this directive must occur under the express authority of the Governor and consistent with all provisions of Montana law and the Montana Constitution. I further delegate to you the authority to place members of the Montana National Guard on State Active Duty status.

This Directive is effective immediately and expires at the end of the declared state of emergency in Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020.

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