



## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

*Whereas*, Nevada Revised Statute 414.070 authorizes the Governor to issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency when a natural disaster of major proportions has occurred within this state, and the assistance of state agencies is needed to supplement the efforts and capabilities of political subdivisions to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state; and

*Whereas*, a severe weather system impacted northern Nevada between February 5, 2017, and February 10, 2017, causing heavy rainfall and significant flooding; and

*Whereas*, the severe weather system damaged residential and commercial structures, as well as, transportation routes throughout northern Nevada, including Federal aid highways, which threatened the health, safety, and welfare of persons in this state; and

*Whereas*, it is vital to the security and safety of the citizens of Nevada that the Nevada Department of Transportation repair and reconstruct transportation routes damaged by heavy rainfall, erosion, and debris in the counties of Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe, and the City of Carson City; and

*Whereas*, the condition of damaged transportation routes constitute an emergency, as contemplated by the terms of Section 125 and 120(e) of Title 23, U.S.C.; and

*Whereas*, as of February 10, 2017, the counties of Douglas, Elko, and Humboldt, and the City of Carson City, have declared states of emergency as a result of the weather system, which caused severe damages to public infrastructure and private property; and

*Whereas*, the counties of Douglas, Elko, and Humboldt, and the City of Carson City, have experienced a significant economic impact in providing emergency services resulting from the severe weather system and anticipate continued economic obligations resulting in financial hardship for short-term response and long-term recovery of the affected areas; and

*Whereas*, the counties of Douglas, Elko and Humboldt, and the City of Carson City, require the assistance of the state government to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state; and

*Now Therefore*, I, Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, hereby declare a state of emergency due to the heavy rainfall, significant flooding, and consequent danger to life and damage to property, including transportation routes and Federal-aid highways.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year two thousand seventeen.

  
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GOVERNOR

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

  
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DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE