

## DECLARATION OF LOCAL FLOOD DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 authorizes the principal executive officer of a political subdivision to declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, above-average precipitation throughout the winter has resulted in unusually high runoffs that have already caused flooding in the Town of Dolores and raise the risk of significant flooding in the coming weeks; and

WHEREAS, Montezuma County's Emergency Manager has advised that the risks associated with flooding in the unincorporated portion of Montezuma County and the municipalities within Montezuma County are significant enough to warrant a disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS, Montezuma County's Emergency Manager asserts that this Declaration is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of people in Montezuma County; and

WHEREAS, the Town has experienced localized excess runoff from tributaries of the Dolores River in April 2023 that have damaged private and public property and there is a significant threat such threats will continue; and

WHEREAS, historic buildings sitting within flood zones in the Town of Dolores are threatened by rising waters in the Dolores River and its tributaries, and such buildings could exacerbate flooding in the Town of Dolores in the event that their structural integrity was compromised by rising flood waters; and

WHEREAS, officials in Montezuma County, including Montezuma County's Emergency Manager and the Montezuma County Sheriff have been working closely with the Town of Dolores and other county municipalities to ensure preparedness in the event of significant flooding; and

WHEREAS, 4000 sandbags are currently housed on Town Property or deployed throughout the Town and such sandbags are in the process of being deployed as a means of combating local flood disasters; and

WHEREAS, officials in Montezuma County and the Town of Dolores are working diligently to keep the public informed of flood risks and emergency preparedness measures through the use of town hall style meetings, press releases, and social media activity; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to present flooding, as well as potential flooding, in the Town of Dolores is far in excess of the Town's and Montezuma County Emergency Management Department's funds and resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Dolores declares that there is a local flood disaster emergency in the Town, and that the occurrence and imminent threat of excess runoff and widespread flooding could result in severe injury or loss of life or loss of property requires emergency mitigation.
2. The effect of this declaration of a flood disaster emergency shall be to activate the respond and recovery aspects of any and all applicable federal, state and local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.
3. This declaration will be posted on the Town of Dolores website and provided to the press, the County Department of Emergency Management, and filed with the appropriate agencies

Passed, adopted and approved April 10, 2023.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF DOLORES:

By: [Signature], Mayor

Attest: [Signature], Town Clerk

