RESOLUTION NO 2024 - 72

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a Wildland Fire in the area of Canyon Ferry has threatened to damage a large number of private residences and public/critical infrastructure within the County beginning on July 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, protection of these facilities is essential to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, a drier than usual June and near record setting early July temperatures have resulted in unfavorable firefighting conditions; and

WHEREAS, evacuations are necessary to ensure the safety of residences as well as the responding personnel travelling in the incident area; and

WHEREAS, resources beyond the capacity of the County will be necessary to address this fire and to maintain fire protection for the rest of the county; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners that an emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Section 10-3-402 MCA, because extensive resources have been assigned to this incident to protect life and property in weather conditions that are expected to worsen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, County Assessor and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Lewis and Clark County Board of County Commissioners this // day of ________ 2024.

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LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Andy Hunthausen, Chair

ATTEST:

Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

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