TOOELE COUNTY

LOCAL "STATE OF EMERGENCY" DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Tooele County, Utah has received record levels of precipitation between March and May, 2011;

WHEREAS, the extremely high levels of precipitation combined with colder than normal temperatures resulted in high water levels, very high levels of snowpack, and significant delays and significant increase in annual spring runoff;

WHEREAS, the remaining snowpack has been melting and continues to melt, causing the Settlement Canyon, Grantsville, and Vernon Reservoirs to spill over, and streams, flood channels and irrigation ditches to threaten to breach their banks, and some to overflow;

WHEREAS, government manpower, equipment, and supply resources have been expended, and costs of flood water control response efforts have exceeded financial resources available, and county government operations and scheduled projects were negatively impacted;

WHEREAS, property and roads have been significantly damaged, requiring repair by government entities as well as private contractors requiring reimbursement;

WHEREAS, Tooele County is a public entity within the State of Utah:

WHEREAS the following conditions exist:

Tooele County and its contractors have taken emergency actions to stabilize the stream bank in Middle Canyon, strengthen and improve flood control dikes near Grantsville, divert Settlement Canyon water away from businesses by digging a new ditch, allow swollen streams to flow more freely by removing culverts in roads in South Willow and Ophir Canyons, and increase the capacity of the Hickman Canyon drainage by adding culverts and reconstructing the channel; Tooele County has supplied Tooele City and Grantsville City with tens of thousands of sandbags; community volunteers have been called out to assist with sandbag filling operations; Tooele County, Tooele City, and Grantsville City have sandbagged numerous homes and businesses throughout the spring run-off period; several homes are flooding or threatened with flooding in South Willow Canyon and Pine Canyon; many homes are flooding from increased ground water levels in Grantsville and Stansbury Park; Stockton residents are on emergency water rationing due to the high turbidity in the Soldier Canyon water supply, rendering the Stockton Water Treatment System unusable; many county and city employees have been put into service to respond to flood control efforts, performing jobs other than those for which they were hired;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the citizens of Tooele County, I declare this to be a local "State of Emergency" situation.

DATED, this 29 day of June, 2011.

Colleen Johnson

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Chair, Tooele County Commission

ATTEST:

Marilyn Gillette

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Tooele County Clerk

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