

**BARNES COUNTY
EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Barnes has suffered damages from Severe Winter Weather that was caused by rain, sleet, and winds that occurred from December 25, 2023 through December 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, heavy layer of ice, stressed by strong winds caused extensive damage to utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, efforts to repair and restore infrastructure is creating damage to roads and right-of-ways and has caused extensive damages to the rural electric cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, this storm caused power outages throughout the county, downed power poles and transmission line; and

WHEREAS, this heavy ice and winds caused major tree damages and damage to buildings and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages raise concerns and threaten the health, well-being, and public safety of citizens in the county Barnes due to the storm; and

WHEREAS, the cost of ice/snow removal and tree removal and the cost of repair, replacement and cleanup of damaged property is in excess of available citizen and county resources.

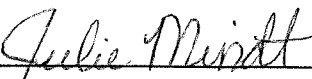
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barnes County Commission declares a state of emergency to include damages from severe storm activity and to utilize the Barnes County Local Emergency Operations Plan to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Barnes County.

DATED at Valley City, North Dakota, this 27 day of Dec., 2023

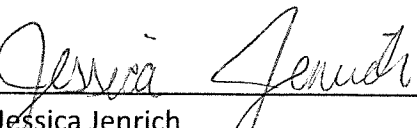


County Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Julie Mindt
Auditor



Jessica Jenrich
BC Emergency Manager