

# Executive Document

## Governor's Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency in San Juan County Because of the Manhunt.

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, beginning on or about June 3, 1998, San Juan County, Utah has suffered severe damage brought on by the search for fugitives associated with the homicide of a Cortez, Colorado, law enforcement officer and other attempted homicides on law enforcement officers and civilians in the states of Colorado and Utah; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County is a public entity in the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, this manhunt has continued for over a month and immediate attention is necessary to assure life, safety, and welfare of the citizens of San Juan County, Utah; and

WHEREAS, these conditions do create a State of Emergency in San Juan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Utah, do hereby order as follows:

It is found, determined, and declared, that a State of Emergency does exist, due to the existence of a threat to life, safety, and welfare of the citizens of San Juan County, requiring aid, assistance, and relief limited to the search and apprehension of the fugitives, law enforcement operations, and National Guard support pertinent to the provisions of state statues and portions of the State Emergency Operations Plan, which is hereby activated.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah this 2nd day of July, 1998.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker  
Lieutenant Governor

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