

RESOLUTION 2026-06

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on the morning of July 2, 2026, a very large storm system impacted many areas throughout South Central South Dakota, East Central South Dakota and Northeastern South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, this storm system resulted in many severe thunderstorm warnings, tornado warnings and flash flooding warnings as it progressed across the region with warnings of large hail exceeding one inch in diameter and thunderstorm wind gusts exceeding sixty miles per hour, and

WHEREAS, straight-line winds, flash flooding, tornados, hail were recorded by trained storm spotters and national weather service in Aberdeen; and

WHEREAS, the storm system produced damage to homes, buildings, farm structures, businesses, trees and damage to county roads and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the impact of the storm system has impacted areas throughout the county

WHEREAS, local responders, towns and townships, have exhausted their resources to respond to this natural disaster and assistance from the state of South Dakota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will likely be needed for the response and recovery phases of this disaster, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Buffalo County, by and through its BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, does hereby DECLARE AN EMERGENCY and does hereby DECLARE A DISASTER as a result of the widespread damage caused by this unusually large and destructive thunderstorm system.

Approved this 7th Day of July 2026 at Gann Valley, Buffalo County, South Dakota.


Dawn Cable, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Debra Morrison, Finance Officer