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TO: Kids, parents, and magical creatures performing essential duties
FROM: Governor Steve Bullock
DATE: April 9, 2020
RE: Directive providing that certain magical creatures may travel throughout Montana to perform essential services

Magical entities perform essential services outside the scope of human ability. The tradition of Easter egg hunts has been celebrated by generations of Montanans. The Easter Bunny performs the essential services of hiding Easter eggs, supporting the chocolate-egg industry, and bringing springtime joy to Montanans all over the state.

Further, all dental services, including magical ones, are considered essential services, especially during a time of increased consumption of chocolate eggs, yellow Peeps, and other related spring treats. The Tooth Fairy is uniquely qualified to perform the service of lost tooth collection, and to remit payment for lost baby teeth.

Other magical entities, including but not limited to elves, unicorns, and friendly dragons, are also considered essential workers, provided they maintain a comfortable six-foot distance. Visits to homes for magical purposes is essential travel.

Therefore, in accordance with the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Montana, I hereby direct the following measures be in place in the State of Montana effective immediately through the end of the emergency:

- Magical entities, including but not limited to the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy, may freely travel into and through Montana to perform services essential to Montanans.
- Magical entities must leave behind a gift—for example, eggs, chocolates, or the fair market value of a baby tooth—at every home they visit, and must follow social distancing guidelines.
- This Directive does not modify, abridge, or limit the effect of any other statute or administrative rule regulating magical entities.

Authorities: Esther Watkins Arnold, The Tooth Fairy (1927); Margery Williams, The Velveteen Rabbit (1922); and all Montana children, young and young-at-heart.

Limitations

- This Directive is effective immediately and expires at the end of the emergency.
- Nothing in this Directive limits the authority or discretion of the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny, or any fairies, gnomes, elves, unicorns, or friendly dragons to perform their essential functions as they see fit.