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**SUBJECT: Governor Lauds President Bush for his Quick Response to Request for  
Disaster Aid**

(JACKSON) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove’s request that Oktibbeha, Lowndes and Holmes counties be designated a federal disaster area because of the Feb. 16 windstorm has been granted by President George W. Bush and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“I appreciate President Bush’s quick response to our request,” said Governor Musgrove. “This federal disaster declaration means that FEMA’s resources will be available to the state to help the disaster victims recover as quickly as possible, especially our citizens who can least afford the personal loss caused by the storm.”

The declaration will also allow our towns and communities in the declared counties to recover 75 percent of their costs in responding to the disaster and the damage it caused to public facilities.

The governor urged residents of Oktibbeha, Lowndes and Holmes counties who suffered property damage during the February 16 storm to register for federal assistance by calling the FEMA’s toll-free 1-800-462-9029.

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