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Mississippi to Receive Federal Disaster Assistance, Musgrove Reports

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has received confirmation from President George Bush that Mississippi will receive federal assistance for relief and recovery efforts following last month's deadly storms.

“This is good news for hundreds of Mississippi families,” Musgrove said. “We have had a difficult year with weather-related incidents, and we can use this help. Now, we can get about the business of rebuilding.”

In his letter to Governor Musgrove, President Bush wrote that he had “declared a major disaster...for the State of Mississippi due to damage resulting from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding beginning on November 24, 2001.”

Today's declaration includes the following counties: Bolivar, DeSoto, Hinds, Humphreys, Madison, Panola, Quitman, Sunflower, Tate and Washington. Counties affected by the flooding of November 29 are not included in this declaration. Musgrove said he is requesting those areas to be added to the declaration as soon as possible.

Musgrove spoke yesterday with Joe Allbaugh, Executive Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to reinforce the state's need for assistance.

“I'm pleased to have an answer to our request. Hopefully, this will make the holiday season a little easier for those affected by the storms,” said Musgrove.

Mississippi has had four federal disaster declarations this year, more than any other state.