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Governor Musgrove Declares State of Emergency For Severe Weather

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has issued a state of emergency for Alcorn County, Attala County, Lafayette County, Leake County, Lowndes County and other areas of the state affected by thunderstorms, tornadoes, damaging winds and flooding as a result of the severe weather system beginning on November 10, 2002.

"Last night's storms caused severe devastation to many of our communities in Mississippi," Musgrove said. "We will work hard to help the families in these communities rebuild their homes and business."

The Governor will request federal disaster funds immediately.

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