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## **Governor Musgrove: Storm Assistance on the Way**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that his request to declare a major disaster in Mississippi has been granted following the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that hit the state April 6-14.

“Our focus has been on getting assistance to those affected by the storms, and getting that assistance as soon as possible,” said Musgrove. “I appreciate the quick and favorable response to our requests.”

Musgrove declared a state of emergency in the state on April 7. He wrote President George Bush on April 14 requesting assistance, and expanded that request on April 18 based on further damage assessments.

The declaration made today provides *individual assistance* to the following counties: Amite, Attala, Claiborne, Clarke, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Holmes, Issaquena, Jasper, Jefferson, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Madison, Neshoba, Newton, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Walthall, Warren, Wayne and Yazoo.

*Public assistance* (assistance to state and local governments for the repair and replacement of disaster-damaged public facilities) will be provided for the following counties: Clarke, Hinds, Lauderdale, Lincoln, Madison, Newton, Scott, Warren and Yazoo.

“With this declaration, the rebuilding process gains new energy and momentum,” Musgrove said. “Homes, businesses and lives will get a new start.”

To register for federal assistance, call 800-621-FEMA (3362). The TTD number is 800-462-7585. The phone lines are open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week.

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