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Governor Culver Adds Washington County to Disaster Proclamation

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver today added Washington County to a disaster proclamation in response to recent severe weather. The disaster proclamation was issued yesterday for Appanoose and Johnson counties.

The disaster proclamation authorizes the implementation of the State Individual Assistance Grant Program to assist eligible residents of these three counties. The state's Individual Assistance Program provides up to \$5,000 in reimbursements for damages incurred for individuals and families whose income is less than 200 percent above the poverty level. That means individuals making \$21,660 or less may qualify, and a family of four making \$44,100 or less may qualify.

Residents of counties where the State Individual Assistance Grant Program has been made available can call the Department of Human Services disaster assistance line at 1.866.434.4692. Application information will also be posted on the DHS website soon – visit www.dhs.state.ia.us and click Storm Help.

As of today, 47 counties are now covered by disaster proclamations for state Individual Assistance from storms in June and July: Appanoose, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Cherokee, Clay, Clayton, Davis, Decatur, Delaware, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Kossuth, Lee, Lucas, Lyon, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Polk, Ringgold, Shelby, Sioux, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington, Webster and Wright.

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