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## **Governor Branstad Requests Presidential Disaster Declaration**

DES MOINES – Today Governor Terry E. Branstad sent a letter to President Barack Obama requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration as a result of tornadoes and severe storms that occurred on April 9-10.

The Public Assistance Program, which provides assistance to public entities and select nonprofit agencies, is being requested for the following counties: Buena Vista, Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Pocahontas and Sac. Public Assistance funding may be used to rebuild damaged infrastructure that may include roads, bridges, culverts, and other public facilities, or to cover costs of emergency work during and debris removal after the storms.

Governor Branstad has also requested from the Small Business Administration (SBA) a Physical Disaster Declaration for Monona and Pocahontas counties due to a tornado and severe storms that devastated more than 350 homes and/or businesses April 9-10. The Disaster Loan Program allows for low-interest loans to be made available for the victims of a disaster.

For more information on disaster assistance, visit [www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org).

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