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## **Governor Branstad requests fourth Presidential Disaster Declaration**

DES MOINES – Today, Governor Terry E. Branstad signed a letter to be delivered to President Obama requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 10 Iowa counties where significant damage was sustained from damaging winds, tornadoes, heavy rains and thunderstorms resulting in severe flooding beginning June 21 and continuing through June 28, 2013. If granted, this would be the state's fourth Presidential Disaster Declaration since April.

The governor is making the request for federal Public Assistance Program funding for the counties of Allamakee, Benton, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Clayton, Delaware, Howard, Jones and Winneshiek.

A joint federal, state and local preliminary damage assessment of the 10 counties found severe weather caused an estimated \$5.27 million worth of damage that could be eligible under the Public Assistance Program. Public Assistance funds 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.

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division leads, coordinates and supports homeland security and emergency management functions in order to establish sustainable communities and ensure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

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