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**GOV. BARBOUR ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL MISSISSIPPI
COUNTIES RECEIVE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

JACKSON – Gov. Haley Barbour announced today that 36 counties affected by the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes April 15-April 28 are now eligible for public assistance reimbursement through FEMA.

“This declaration will allow local governments as well as state government to recover costs and losses caused by the storms,” Gov. Barbour said. “Towns, cities and counties can now begin to rebuild and recover.”

Public assistance provides a reimbursement grant of 75 percent of eligible costs for the following: debris removal, emergency protective measures, and repairs to road systems, bridges, public-owned buildings, water control facilities, public-utility systems, parks and recreational facilities.

The counties included for public assistance grants include: Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clarke, Clay, DeSoto, Greene, Hinds, Holmes, Itawamba, Jasper, Kemper, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Panola, Prentiss, Quitman, Scott, Smith, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Webster and Winston.

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency will schedule applicant briefings to discuss the public assistance reimbursement process with local governments.

For more information, call MEMA’s Public Information Line at 866-519-MEMA (6362).