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### **Jackson State University receives StormReady designation**

**Pearl** – In a ceremony scheduled for 2 p.m. today Jackson State University will become the third Mississippi university to receive the StormReady designation from the National Weather Service.

The ceremony will be held at Johnson Hall on the Jackson State University campus. This makes 39 StormReady designations in Mississippi, including 15 cities or towns, 20 counties, three state universities and one government site.

StormReady is a nationwide program of the Weather Service that helps communities protect their citizens during severe weather and encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations.

To be recognized as StormReady, a community must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center.
- Have multiple ways to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public.
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally.
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars.
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

“This StormReady designation shows that Jackson State University takes the safety of their students, faculty and staff very seriously,” said Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack. “They should be proud of this accomplishment and I hope more colleges and universities take their lead and work toward becoming StormReady.”

To learn more about the StormReady program visit [www.stormready.noaa.gov](http://www.stormready.noaa.gov).

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