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**GOVERNOR BARBOUR DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN 19 MISSISSIPPI COUNTIES**

JACKSON – Gov. Haley Barbour today declared a State of Emergency in several Mississippi counties devastated by severe storms March 8 and 9.

The counties affected include: Adams, Clarke, Greene, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lauderdale, Lee, Lincoln, Lowndes, Newton, Rankin, Stone, Panola, Pike, Wayne, Wilkinson and Yazoo. The State of Emergency order allows emergency responders to efficiently utilize resources and receive state aid to respond to the emergency situation.

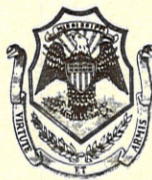
“These storms, because of their duration and intensity, have caused serious flooding that have made some roadways impassable,” Gov. Barbour said.

A copy of the State of Emergency declaration is attached.

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A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Adams, Clarke, Greene, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lauderdale, Lee, Lincoln, Lowndes, Newton, Rankin, Stone, Panola, Pike, Wayne, Wilkinson and Yazoo counties and other parts of the State of Mississippi were affected by severe thunderstorms beginning on March 8, 2011 and continuing into March 9, 2011, which included torrential rain, damaging winds, flooding, deadly lightning and tornadoes, and thus state assistance will be necessary to support local government response and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, this severe storm system has caused damage to homes, businesses, public property with numerous roads remaining impassable, and has threatened the safety of the citizens and property throughout the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the health and safety of the residents and the protection of their property within the affected areas, and in the public interest, all steps should be taken to protect people and property:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 33-15-11-(b)(17), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and in the public interest and for the general welfare, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in the areas of the State of Mississippi affected by, or areas that may be affected by, this severe weather system. The provisions of this proclamation shall exist and remain in effect until such time as this threat to public safety shall cease to exist as prescribed in Section 33-15-11(b)(17), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

FURTHER, all agencies of the State of Mississippi shall discharge their emergency responsibilities as deemed necessary as set forth in the State of Mississippi's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 11th day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.


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BY THE GOVERNOR

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE