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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Through:

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Regional Administrator
FEMA Region V
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Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.36, I request that you declare a major disaster for the State of Illinois as a result of severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on June 5, 2010. The high winds associated with the severe storms and tornadoes destroyed and/or damaged residences, businesses and other structures in a five county area in north central Illinois. The counties impacted by this event are Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston, Peoria and Putnam.

In response to the situation, on June 7, 2010, I took appropriate action under State law and directed the execution of the Illinois Emergency Operations Plan and proclaimed that a disaster emergency exists in accordance with Section 401 of the Stafford Act. I specifically declared LaSalle County, Livingston County, Peoria County and Putnam County as State disaster areas on June 7, 2010, and Kankakee County on June 10, 2010.

The State of Illinois has developed a Hazard Mitigation plan that was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in November 2004. The plan has been updated and approved by FEMA on November 2, 2007. This disaster provides an opportunity to implement hazard mitigation projects that will reduce the impact of future disasters of this nature.

On June 10, 2010, I requested a joint Federal, State, and local survey of the damaged areas. Preliminary assessments indicated the most severe impacts were to private property including homes and

businesses. The Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) began on June 14 and concluded on June 16. Attachment 1 shows the number of residences impacted and the level of damage identified during the PDA.

The severe storms that produced the multiple tornadoes moved from west to east through the State impacting numerous communities in the disaster areas. Fortunately, there were no fatalities but there were 17 injuries in Streator (LaSalle County) and 14 injuries in Dwight (Livingston County). In Dwight, six of the injured were taken to area hospitals.

The State Emergency Operations Center was activated on June 5, 2010, and was staffed by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to coordinate the immediate State agency response to the disaster. IEMA immediately assigned disaster response staff to the impacted disaster area to assist local officials. The Illinois State Police (ISP), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS), Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), MABAS and the American Red Cross (ARC) provided services in the disaster area in support of the local government response. IDOT immediately assisted in clearing transportation routes and with the assistance from IDOC continues to remove debris in the disaster area. ISP provided law enforcement assistance and traffic control. Mutual aid response was provided through MABAS. The Department of Insurance and the Office of the Attorney General assigned staff to work in the disaster areas.

Local governments and the ARC opened four shelters in the affected areas. The shelters served approximately 70 individuals. ARC continues to provide food for emergency workers in the disaster areas.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local governments and that supplementary Federal assistance is necessary. I am specifically requesting Individual Assistance programs including the Individuals and Households Program, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling and Small Business Administration Disaster Loans for Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston, Peoria and Putnam counties; and Hazard Mitigation assistance statewide. I reserve the right to request additional counties if warranted.

Preliminary estimates of the types and amount of assistance needed under the Stafford Act are tabulated in Attachment 2. Estimated requirements for assistance from certain Federal agencies under other statutory authorities are tabulated in Attachment 3.

I certify that for this major disaster, the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-Federal shares of costs required by the Stafford Act. Total expenditures are expected to exceed \$14,310 in accordance with the table in Attachment 4.

I have designated Mr. Joseph Klinger, Interim IEMA Director, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. Mr. Klinger will work with FEMA in damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,



Pat Quinn
Governor

Attachments