



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

A series of severe storms with high wind and torrential rain moved through northern Illinois from the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan on July 23 and 24, 2010. The rainfall resulted in widespread damage to homes and businesses as a result of flash flooding and sewer back up. The damage to roads, bridges, sewers, flood control facilities and other public infrastructure in both the urban and rural areas resulted in a disruption of essential services and posed a threat to public health and safety. The clean-up and recovery from these severe storms will continue for weeks, if not months, and the impact to many individuals, households, businesses and local governments will be devastating.

In the interest of aiding the citizens of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, I hereby proclaim that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois, and specifically, declare Carroll, Cook, DuPage, Henderson, Jo Daviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside, Winnebago counties as a disaster area, pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20ILCS 3305/7.

This gubernatorial proclamation of disaster will aid the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in coordinating State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations. In addition, this proclamation can facilitate a request for federal disaster assistance if a complete and comprehensive assessment of damage indicates that effective recovery is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments.


Pat Quinn, Governor

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