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President Approves Missouri Disaster Declaration: Federal Assistance Now Available

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri – On Tuesday, July 9, President Donald J. Trump approved a disaster declaration for 20 Missouri counties, including Greene County. This declaration follows the series of severe storms, tornadoes and flooding throughout the state beginning on April 29, 2019.

Individual assistance includes federal grant funds and low-interest loans that are intended to help residents and business owners recover from the effects of the disasters.

“Now that federal assistance is available to those affected by the succession of severe weather that has impacted our community, it is important that individuals, families and business owners apply to see if they qualify to receive funds to recover from the storms that have affected Greene County,” said Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management Director Larry Woods.

“We as the County Commission are happy that this declaration will make additional resources available to help local residents who were impacted by the storms,” said Commissioner Harold Bengsch. “We also appreciate the valuable role OEM staff and area partners play during and after events like these.”

When applying, please make sure to have the following information to complete registration:

- Social Security Number (SSN), or the SSN of a minor in the household who is a U.S. Citizen, Non-Citizen National or Qualified Alien
- Annual Household Income
- Contact Information (phone number, mailing address and damaged home address)
- Insurance Information (coverage, insurance company name, etc.)
- Bank Account Information (routing number, account number) *If you are eligible to receive financial assistance, the money can be direct deposited in your account*

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in Greene County can begin applying for assistance by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA(3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. Disaster Assistance Helpline services are available 7 days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT.

If you are having technical issues, call FEMA’s Internet Help Desk at 1-800-745-0243. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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