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Monroe County Added to Presidential Disaster Declaration Families, Businesses have Until Oct. 13 to Apply for Assistance

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver has received word that Monroe County has been added to a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance.

The 35 counties now eligible for federal Individual Assistance are: Appanoose, Black Hawk, Cherokee, Clayton, Decatur, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Kossuth, Lee, Lucas, Lyon, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, O’Brien, Osceola, Polk, Ringgold, Sioux, Story, Taylor, Union, Wapello, Warren, Webster, and Wright.

Individual Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the 34 designated counties may immediately begin registering for assistance online 24/7 at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, local time, until further notice.

Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves, details on insurance coverage, and any other information to help substantiate losses.

The deadline for individuals to apply for Individual Assistance is Oct. 13, 2010.

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