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Governor Culver Extends Disaster Proclamation for 31 Counties

Extension Means Continued Availability of State Individual Assistance Program

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver today extended a disaster proclamation for 31 counties recently affected by recent flooding and severe weather.

The disaster proclamation extension authorizes the continued availability of the State Individual Assistance Grant Program for 30 additional days. Citizens impacted in the following counties will have until Aug. 21 to apply for the program: Decatur, Marion, Monroe, Sioux, Butler, Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Davis, Emmet, Hamilton, Howard, Humboldt, Jefferson, Kossuth, Lee, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Polk, Van Buren, Wapello, Webster, Franklin, Hancock, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Wright, Warren, Mahaska.

The state's Individual Assistance Program provides up to \$5,000 in reimbursements for damages incurred for individuals and families whose income is less than 200 percent above the poverty level. That means individuals making \$21,660 or less may qualify, and a family of four making \$44,100 or less may qualify.

Application information for residents in counties where the State Individual Assistance Grant Program has been made available is posted on the Department of Human Services Web site. Visit www.dhs.state.ia.us and click on Storm Help or call the toll-free line at **1-866-434-4692**.

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