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Gubernatorial Proclamation

Severe storms and tornadoes moved through counties in the southern third of Illinois on Wednesday morning, February 29, 2012. The rapidly moving storms produced tornadoes that caused deaths, extensive property damage and resulted in dozens of injuries to residents. Local emergency workers responded immediately to protect public health and safety. State agencies are assisting local governments in debris removal, security and the coordination of all necessary activities to ensure a rapid recovery from the effects of the violent weather. A coordinated effort involving State agencies, local governments and the private sector will be crucial in the next few weeks.

In the interest of aiding the citizens of Illinois and the impacted local governments that are responsible for ensuring public health and safety, I hereby proclaim that a disaster exists in the State of Illinois pursuant to the provisions of Section 3305/7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7.

This gubernatorial proclamation of disaster will aid the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in coordinating State resources to support local governments in the disaster response and recovery operations, including, but not limited to, emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Act. This includes the suspension of provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster. In addition, this proclamation can facilitate a request for federal disaster assistance following a thorough assessment of damage if the damage assessment indicates that federal disaster assistance is warranted.

Pat Quinn  
Governor

Date February 29, 2012