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SUBJECT: SEVERE WEATHER AND TORNADOES PROMPT EMERGENCY ACTIONS

(Jackson) – Gov. Ronnie Musgrove has declared a State of Emergency for Mississippi in connection with the severe weather and tornadoes that moved through the state this morning. The State of Emergency covers Madison, Washington, Bolivar, Quitman, Panola, Tate, Sunflower, Humphreys, and DeSoto counties and any other areas of the State that were affected by today's severe weather. After signing the State of Emergency, Governor Musgrove and MEMA Director Robert Latham toured the damaged areas of Fairfield subdivision in Madison, the town of Sledge in Quitman county, the town of Crenshaw in Panola county, and Strayhorn community of Tate county. "We visited many homes and spoke with many people who lost property and loved ones. Our first priority is to ensure that the people who have suffered damages have a safe and secure place to stay and warm meals. MEMA will continue to conduct damage assessments within the affected counties and work with the local officials to ensure that the immediate needs of the citizens are being met," said Robert Latham, MEMA Director.

Current damage reports are as follows:

- **Washington County** - 6 homes destroyed, 34 homes with major damage, 19 homes with minor damages, 5 mobile homes destroyed and 1 business destroyed in the Winterville area, 12 injuries reported
- **Bolivar County** - 10 homes destroyed, 5 homes with major damage, 3 homes with minor damages, 2 mobile homes destroyed, 1 mobile home with major damage, 4 businesses destroyed, and the Bolivar County Detention Center and Sheriff's Office Communications center destroyed, 36 injuries reported

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- **DeSoto County** - 12 homes destroyed, 31 homes with major damage, 81 homes with minor damages, 7 mobile homes destroyed, 1 mobile home with major damage, and 6 mobile homes with minor damages, and 5 injuries reported
- **Tate County** - 2 homes with major damage, 40 homes with minor damages, 5 mobile homes destroyed, and the damages to the Coldwater High School, 5 injuries reported
- **Madison County** - 47 houses destroyed, 37 homes with major damage, 67 houses with minor damages, 8 mobile homes destroyed, 3 mobile homes with major damage, 3 mobile homes with minor damages, 21 injuries reported and 2 confirmed fatalities
- **Quitman County** - 5 homes destroyed, 10 homes with major damages, 7 homes with minor damages, 3 mobile homes destroyed, 2 mobile homes with major damages, 3 mobile homes with minor damages, 2 businesses destroyed, 1 business with major damage, 16 injuries and 2 confirmed fatalities
- **Panola County** - 4 homes destroyed, 5 homes with major damages, 5 homes with minor damages, 3 mobile homes destroyed, 1 mobile home with major damage, 7 mobile homes with minor damages, 12 injuries and 1 confirmed fatality
- **Humphreys County** - 3 homes destroyed, 20 homes with major damages, 7 businesses destroyed, 5 businesses with major damages, and 5 injuries reported

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