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**2:00 p.m.**

(Jackson) – As a result of Tropical Storm Isidore and the results of the preliminary joint damage assessments, Governor Musgrove signed the request to the President for Federal Assistance from FEMA at 10:03 a.m.

“It’s important for us to get this request to the president’s desk as soon as possible, so those affected by Tropical Storm Isidore can begin rebuilding,” Musgrove said. “We were ready for this storm, but damage has still been done.”

The Governor is specifically asking for Individual Assistance and Small Business Administration (SBA) loans for Harrison County and the contiguous counties of Jackson, Hancock, Stone, and Pearl River. Individual Assistance is assistance provided to homeowners and renters. We are also asking for Individual Assistance for Pike and Amite counties as contiguous counties to Tangipahoa Parish in Louisiana, as a result of their federal declaration.

The request also included Public Assistance and Mitigation for Harrison, Hancock, Jackson, Pearl River, Pike and Lincoln counties. Public assistance is provided to assist local governments in emergency protective measures, debris removal and repair of infrastructure.

Preliminary damage assessments resulted in approximately:

- \$6.6 million in Individual Assistance – homeowners and renters
- \$6.7 million in Public Assistance – protective measures, debris removal, and repair of infrastructure
  - Harrison            \$3,810,209
  - Hancock            \$810,000
  - Jackson            \$1,623,262
  - Pearl River        \$269,584
  - Pike                \$107,300
  - Lincoln             \$78,510
- \$2 million in SBA loans that includes home loans and business loans

We will continue to collect damage assessments in the affected counties throughout the week. On Friday, September 27, 2002, FEMA Director Joe Allbaugh promised the governor a quick response to any request and we expect no less.

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