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SUBJECT: SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING PROMPTS EMERGENCY ACTIONS

(Jackson) – Governor Roniie Musgrove has declared a State of Emergency for Mississippi in connection with the severe weather and flooding that is moving through the southern and central parts of the state. The declaration covers any county that may be impacted by the storms.

"We are working closely with local governments to meet the immediate needs of the citizens affected and to utilize available local and State resources to assist in the response effort," said Director Robert Latham regarding the affected counties.

The following is an update on the affected counties of Pearl River, Harrison, Hancock and George:

Pearl River County has reports of flooding in low-lying areas along the **Jordan River** and wind damages.

Hancock County has reported wind damages to homes and cars, most of the roads are covered with water, and trees are down.

Harrison County

George County is reporting homes with major damages and power is out in 1/3 of the county.

MEMA has deployed county liason teams that consist of local EMA directors from the Northern counties and MEMA staff to assist the counties be affected by this current weather situation. All steps are being taken to protect the health and safety of the residents and to the protection of property within the affected areas.