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## **President Bush Declares Major Disaster for State of Mississippi**

(Jackson, MS) – President George Bush today declared a major disaster for Mississippi in the wake of Tropical Storm Isidore last week. The declaration releases federal funds to help the recovery from the storm. Governor Ronnie Musgrove submitted the request for \$15.3 million in federal disaster assistance Monday morning.

“We worked as quickly as possible to get the information we needed to make this request, so those affected by the storm could begin the rebuilding process,” Musgrove said. “Time is of the essence in situations such as this, and the rapid response to our request is greatly appreciated.”

Musgrove met with Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh on Friday, September 27, in Gulfport. They toured the damage to the Gulf Coast and discussed the state’s immediate needs for assistance.

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