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Governor Requests Additional Parishes Be Added to Federal Declaration

BATON ROUGE -- Governor John Bel Edwards today announced his request that the existing federal Major Presidential Declaration for the State of Louisiana be amended to include additional parishes affected by recent severe weather across Louisiana. Since the governor's initial federal declaration request, additional parishes have assessed the number of affected residences, their need for debris removal, and emergency protective measures resulting in his request for additional parishes to be added. See the list of newly requested parishes below.

"After days of visiting disaster areas and meeting with the families experiencing devastating loss because of flood waters across Louisiana, I have amended my request to include additional parishes in the Major Presidential Declaration for the State of Louisiana," said Gov. Edwards. "State and local officials have given timely support to every parish in need, and we will continue to work around the clock to be sure that every citizen who is impacted by the flooding receives the disaster assistance he or she needs."

On Wednesday, March 9, Gov. Edwards declared a state of emergency for 16 parishes in the state. On Thursday, March 10, he amended that declaration to include the entire state. Gov. Edwards made the initial request to President Obama on Saturday, March 12. On March 13, President Obama declared a major disaster for the State of Louisiana.

Federal Declarations and Types of Assistance available:

- **INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE** - (Assistance to individuals and households):
 - **Newly requested parishes:** Beauregard, Bienville, Caddo, Caldwell, DeSoto, LaSalle, Livingston, Madison, Natchitoches, St. Tammany, Tagnipahoa, Union, Vernon, Washington, West Carroll, and Winn
 - **Previously approved parishes:** Bossier, Claiborne, Grant, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, and Webster

- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - (Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities):
 - **Newly requested parishes:** Beauregard, Bienville, Caddo, Caldwell, DeSoto, LaSalle, Livingston, Madison, Natchitoches, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Union, Vernon, Washington, West Carroll, and Winn
 - **Previously approved parishes:** Bossier, Claiborne, Grant, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, and Webster
 - All Public Assistance Program requests were made for Debris Removal (Category A) and Emergency Protective Measures (Category B), including Direct Federal Assistance.
- HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM - (Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards):
 - All areas in the State of Louisiana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

FEMA has deployed Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams to support the registration of individuals for the Individual Assistance Grant program. Individuals may also register on the web or by phone as follows:

www.disasterassistance.gov

1-800-621-3362

TTY: 1-800-462-7585

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