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THREE TENNESSEE COUNTIES ADDED TO FEDERAL FLOOD & STORM DISASTER DECLARATION

NASHVILLE, **Tenn.** – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced today Anderson, Lawrence, and Loudon counties will be receiving federal assistance to aid their recovery from the severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides of Feb. 19, to March 30, 2019.

"We are working closely with the federal government and community leaders to ensure Tennessee's flood-impacted counties get the help needed to effectively rebuild and recover," Gov. Lee said.

The federal assistance will allow eligible local government entities and certain private nonprofit organizations in the declared counties to apply for reimbursement of specific disaster-related costs related to debris removal and emergency protective measures, and to rebuild roads, bridges, and other infrastructure.

Tennessee now has 59 counties eligible for the federal Public Assistance program, made available in the Major Disaster Declaration for Tennessee on April 17, 2019.

The counties included in the declaration are: Anderson, Bedford, Bledsoe, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Cheatham, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Coffee, Decatur, Dekalb, Dickson, Dyer, Fentress, Gibson, Giles, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Hawkins, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Lake, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Loudon, Marion, Marshall, McNairy, Moore, Morgan, Obion, Overton, Perry, Rhea, Roane, Robertson, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Smith, Tipton, Unicoi, Union, Van Buren, Warren, and Wayne.

Additional information on the federal Public Assistance program is available at tn.gov/tema/recover/public-assistance.html or fema.gov/disaster/4427.

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