

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today announced that a major disaster declaration has been issued for the State of Iowa that will trigger the release of Federal funds to help communities recover from damage caused by severe storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds which battered the state on April 9-10, 2011. The counties that have been designated for public assistance are Buena Vista, Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Pocahontas, and Sac. Today's announcement comes shortly after members of Iowa's House delegation sent a letter to President Obama asking that he approve Governor Branstad's request for a major disaster declaration.

"The severe storms that swept through Iowa on April 9 and 10 left many communities in western Iowa hurting," said King. "With today's major disaster declaration, communities in Buena Vista, Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Pocahontas and Sac counties will be eligible to receive public assistance funding for the repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of public facilities or infrastructure that were damaged by the storms. After I reviewed the extensive damage in Mapleton, I expressed confidence that the communities affected by these storms would rebound and rebuild because of the resilience of the people within them. Hopefully, the resources made available by this declaration will further the efforts of those who are working to make their communities whole once again."

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