

Announcement made following King, Branstad and Hill's Survey of Flood-Affected Areas along Missouri River

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) announces that Governor Terry Branstad's request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration covering six Iowa counties affected by Missouri River flooding has been granted. The disaster declaration opens the door for the release of federal emergency assistance resources to Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury counties. The announcement of a federal disaster declaration was made just after Congressman King, Governor Branstad and General Derek Hill concluded an aerial survey of the damage being done to communities along the Missouri River.

"The sheer scale of the damage being done by this flood cannot be fully appreciated until it is seen from the air," said King. "Today, Governor Branstad, General Hill, and I flew by Black Hawk helicopter from Sioux City to Council Bluffs in order to examine the flood's overall impact on communities along this stretch of the Missouri River. This was the third aerial survey of this flood in which I have participated, and the magnitude of the flood's reach now is much greater than it was just two weeks ago.

At the conclusion of our survey, we learned that the State of Iowa's request for a federal disaster declaration covering six counties affected by Missouri River flooding has been granted. This announcement should come as welcome news because it means that federal resources are now available to assist ongoing recovery efforts. I am pleased with the President's decision to approve this request, and I am grateful to my colleagues in Iowa's House delegation for working with me to get this result."

On June 20, Congressman King sent a letter to President Obama requesting that he grant the Governor's request for a federal disaster declaration for flooding occurring in six counties (Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury). Congressman King initiated the congressional letter of support for this request, and King's letter was signed by Iowa's entire House delegation.

Over the past month, Congressman King has traveled throughout the Fifth District to examine the flood's impact on local communities, travels which have included extensive aerial surveys of the flooding from the southern tip of the Fifth District to Gavins Point in Yankton, South Dakota.

King Announces Federal Disaster Declaration for Flooded Counties

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