

King Announces FEMA Relief for Flood Victims

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Washington, DC – Today Congressman Steve King announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has granted Iowa's request for individual disaster relief from Missouri River flooding. Iowa counties Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, and Pottawattamie have now been given access to the Individual Assistance disaster aid program. Iowa's request for Individual Assistance for these counties was initially denied by FEMA. King supported Governor Branstad's appeal effort and led Iowa's unanimous Congressional delegation request for a reversal of the initial decision from FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. In making the announcement, King released the following statement:

"All other states affected received the designation weeks ago. Six Iowa counties saw hundreds of thousands of acres under water all summer and into the fall. As the water receded, Iowa was able to quantify the damage in order to qualify for individual disaster relief. This has been the longest summer and fall for thousands of western Iowans. I'm relieved they will now get some relief. Next, we have to pass my legislation, H.R. 2942, which requires the US Army Corps of Engineers to manage the reservoirs to protect us from serious flooding in the case of the largest runoff experienced which is no longer the 1881 flood but 2011."

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