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Governor Bentley Requests Federal Assistance for Individuals Affected by Storms

MONTGOMERY - Governor Robert Bentley on Friday requested federal assistance for people working to rebuild following this week's severe weather.

The request was submitted following a week of damage assessments that concluded Friday. The assessments showed more than 1,500 houses sustained various degrees of damage. By requesting assistance from President Barack Obama through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Governor Bentley is seeking as many resources as possible to help Alabamians recover.

The assistance Governor Bentley is requesting would benefit storm survivors in Jefferson, Chilton, and Perry Counties. All three counties were impacted by powerful storms Monday morning, and Perry County was affected by another round of severe weather Thursday.

"I am hopeful the President will provide the necessary resources to help people recover as quickly as possible," Governor Bentley said. "Nine months ago today, our state was impacted by a disaster of historic proportions. The scope of this week's severe weather may not be the same as on April 27, but for the people in the neighborhoods that were torn apart, the damage is just as real, and the need for assistance is the same."

Potential assistance could include grants for temporary housing, financing for home repairs that are not covered by insurance, low-cost loans for uninsured property losses, and other programs.

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