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**GOVERNOR BARBOUR ANNOUNCES CREATION OF
MISSISSIPPI DISASTER RECOVERY FUND**

Nonprofit organization will accept donations for spring storm victims

Jackson, Mississippi – Governor Haley Barbour today announced the creation of the Mississippi Disaster Recovery Fund Inc., a nonprofit that will coordinate donations to aid residents recovering from the April 24 storms.

“The path of destruction left by these tornadoes is one of the worst I have seen,” Governor Barbour said. “We have families who need help rebuilding their homes and their lives. Mississippians are known for their generosity, and I know there are many people outside of the state who want to help. Mississippians also are known for their hard work and perseverance, and they will build these communities back strong.”

Anyone who would like to contribute can donate either through the web site, <http://www.mississippiirelief.com>, or by sending a check to the Mississippi Disaster Recovery Fund, c/o BankPlus, 4450 Old Canton Road, Suite 101, Jackson, MS, 39211.

“The goal of the Mississippi Disaster Recovery Fund will be to help meet the needs of our communities that cannot be met by the government,” Governor Barbour said. “After seeing the devastation on television or in person, people want to help in any way they can. The recovery fund gives them that chance.”

The web site also will guide visitors to volunteer opportunities through the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service.

The Disaster Recovery Fund will be managed by a board made up of members from the affected areas. The board members will determine the distribution of funds to address unmet recovery needs.