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## **Gov. Branstad signs disaster proclamation for Benton County following severe storms**

(DES MOINES) - Gov. Terry E. Branstad today issued an emergency disaster proclamation for Benton County in response to Monday morning's severe weather.

In the early morning hours of Monday, July 11, 2011, severe thunderstorms capable of producing tornados passed through Iowa causing downed limbs, trees and power lines. Benton County officials have requested state assistance in recovery efforts.

The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of these storms.

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