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UNICOI COUNTY ADDED TO FEDERAL TORNADO & STORM DISASTER DECLARATION

NASHVILLE, **Tenn.** – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced today that Unicoi county will be receiving federal assistance to aid their recovery from the severe storms and tornadoes of April 12-13 storms.

"We are working closely with the federal government and community leaders to ensure Tennessee's tornado-impacted counties get the help needed to effectively rebuild and recover," Gov. Lee said.

The federal assistance will allow eligible local government entities and certain private nonprofit organizations in the declared counties to apply for reimbursement of specific disaster-related costs related to debris removal and emergency protective measures, and to rebuild roads, bridges, and other infrastructure

Tennessee now has 9 counties eligible for the federal Public Assistance program, made available in the Major Disaster Declaration for Tennessee on April 24, 2020.

The counties included in the declaration are: Bradley, Campbell, Hamilton, Marion, Monroe, Polk, Scott, Unicoi, and Washington.

Additional information on the federal Public Assistance program is available at <u>tn.gov/tema/recover/public-assistance.html</u> or <u>fema.gov/disaster/4541</u>.

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