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**KASICH ANNOUNCES U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISASTER
DECLARATION FOR LORAIN AND CLARK COUNTIES**

COLUMBUS – Governor John R. Kasich today announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has granted Ohio’s request to issue an SBA disaster declaration for Lorain and Clark and their contiguous counties, as a result of last month’s severe storms and flooding.

The SBA issued a disaster declaration for Lorain County and its contiguous counties of Ashland, Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron and Medina as a result of the May 12-13 severe storms and flooding. An SBA declaration was also granted for Clark County and its contiguous counties of Champaign, Greene, Madison, Miami and Montgomery as a result of the May 21-22 severe storms and flooding.

The SBA declarations enable residents and businesses who incurred uninsured losses resulting from the severe storms and floods to apply for long-term, low-interest loans.

Residents and businesses may also visit the SBA Website at www.sba.gov/disaster for information on the low-interest loans.

On May 12, state officials began monitoring potential severe weather throughout the state. The State Emergency Operations Center’s Assessment Room was activated on May 12, as the severe storms, high winds and flash flooding moved across the state.

On May 21, heavy rain and severe thunderstorms again moved across Ohio, causing flash flooding in the Miami Valley area, closing parts of I-70 and I-75 in Miami and Montgomery counties.

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