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## **Governor Doyle Declares State of Emergency for Waukesha County**

MADISON – Governor Jim Doyle today declared a state of emergency in Waukesha County following strong winds and thunderstorms throughout the county and an F2 tornado that hit the Village of Eagle last night. The storms damaged dozens of homes and other structures, and caused widespread power outages and downed trees.

“This was a devastating string of storms that hit Waukesha County last night,” Governor Doyle said. “Information is continuing to come in, but it is clear that a significant number of homes were destroyed or sustained substantial damage in the storms. I spoke to Richard Spurrell, the Village president, and assured him that the state will do everything we can to help Eagle rebuild. To achieve that, I have declared a State of Emergency for Waukesha and have directed state agencies to assist local governments in recovering from this natural disaster.”

The state of emergency directs state agencies to assist local governments in recovering from this natural disaster. Wisconsin Emergency Management personnel were on the scene last night, working with local officials to begin assessing the damage and determining what resources would be needed to help speed recovery efforts. Local and state officials are continuing to work to get an accurate assessment of the damage and the resources needed to help speed recovery efforts.

Tomorrow, Governor Doyle and Brigadier General Donald Dunbar will survey the damage and meet with local officials and residents.

“I know that I speak on behalf of all the people of Wisconsin when I say that my thoughts and prayers are with the families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the tornado,” Governor Doyle said. “I will continue to do everything possible to make sure the people and communities affected by these storms get the help they need to make a quick recovery.”

To view the Executive Order, visit: <http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=19766>