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## **Governor Quinn Requests Extension for Flood Assistance Applications**

*More than 114,000 Applications for Assistance Already Submitted*

SPRINGFIELD – October 5, 2010. Governor Pat Quinn today announced the state is requesting more time for people affected by the July floods to apply for federal assistance. With more than 1,700 people still applying for assistance each day, Governor Quinn said a 30-day extension of the Oct. 18 deadline would ensure that everyone needing help has an opportunity to apply for the aid.

“This federal assistance already has helped thousands of people who suffered devastating losses from the floods,” said Governor Quinn. “But with the applications continuing to pour in, it’s critical that we extend the deadline and ensure that everyone who needs assistance is able to apply.”

On Tuesday the state submitted a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requesting that the registration period be extended to Nov. 17. Since Aug. 19, when FEMA approved Governor Quinn’s request for federal assistance for people and businesses affected by the floods, more than 114,000 applications have been received, and nearly \$234 million in federal assistance has been approved.

“In addition to the high number of registrations, the Disaster Recovery Centers are averaging more than 400 visitors each day,” said Joe Klinger, Interim Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). “It’s obvious that more time is needed to allow people to apply for the assistance they need in order to recover from this disaster.”

Counties included in the federal declaration for assistance to people and businesses include Cook, Carroll, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago.

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