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**Governor Bentley Declares State of Emergency as Severe Weather Outbreak Impacts the State**

MONTGOMERY—Governor Robert Bentley has declared a State of Emergency for all 67 Alabama counties as a result of severe weather impacting the state. By declaring a State of Emergency, the Governor authorizes the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and other state agencies to assist communities and make the appropriate assessments of damage.

Tornados, severe thunderstorms, hail, and straight line winds have begun moving into the state. There are at least seven counties reporting damage with the most extensive damage in Jefferson and Chilton counties.

“Our Emergency Management Agency will continue to monitor this severe weather and will be prepared for any potential impact on our communities. State agencies are on call and ready to assist communities,” said Governor Robert Bentley. “I urge Alabamians to heed weather warnings to protect their families, homes and businesses. The severe weather outbreak of last year is still fresh on our minds and is a reminder that we must take the threat of severe weather seriously.”

The State Emergency Operations Center has upgraded its activation level. Additional staff is on hand to monitor the system, as well as monitoring for potential resource requests from Alabama counties.

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