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# **Crowell Commends the Governor's Response to Area Tornadoes**

JEFFERSON CITY — The following is a statement from Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, about the two executive orders that Gov. Matt Blunt issued this morning declaring a state of emergency throughout Missouri and calling for unified rescue-and-recovery efforts in response to the tornadoes that ripped through the Show-Me State this past weekend. The worst damage was along a rural stretch of Highway 61 near St. Mary in Perry County, Mo. At this point, at least eight deaths have been confirmed.

“I commend the governor for responding so quickly to the aftermath of these deadly and damaging storms. Because of the destructive winds, hail and tornadoes, many communities and families are suffering after having lost property, memories and loved ones. They are relying on the state of Missouri to see them through this difficult time. I have spent the day touring Perry County with Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder and meeting with federal, state and local officials. I applaud the coordinators from SEMA who are working diligently with law enforcement and emergency personnel to carry out recovery missions and clean up the neighborhoods that have been impacted by this disaster. It is encouraging to see the citizens of this great state reaching out to citizens of Southeast Missouri, and I will be working to ensure that the victims of these storms continue to receive the necessary resources.”

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