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STATEMENT

by Senator Gary Nodler on Severe Weather in Southwest Missouri

Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, today commented on the situation in Southwest Missouri after severe storms and tornadoes hit the area on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Jasper and Newton counties have been included as some of the hardest hit areas, and the National Weather Service has confirmed that a tornado did touch down in Newton County. State agencies have been sent to the area to set up shelters, help clear debris, and help with recovery efforts. The State Emergency Management Agency has confirmed 15 Missouri deaths, 13 of which were in Newton County.

“This devastating weather has caused severe damage in our community, and has taken the lives of 15 Missourians. My thoughts and prayers are with the families that are mourning the loss of their loved ones today. As a lifelong resident of Southwest Missouri, I know that our community is strong and we will band together to support each other during these hard times.

Our first priority in this sort of urgent situation is to secure the safety of residents and families in the area—a task that local law enforcement, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Missouri National Guard have been focused on. As recovery efforts continue, I will stay committed to making sure that those affected by these severe storms have access to state assistance.”

– State Senator Gary Nodler

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