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Kind Delighted with Presidential Disaster Declaration for Five Wisconsin Counties Affected by Floods

Commends FEMA, Governor Doyle for Quick Response

Town of Shelby, Wis. – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) today expressed thanks to President Bush, Administrator R. David Paulison, Governor Doyle, and others as the President officially made a major disaster declaration for the State of Wisconsin, making Federal aid available to affected individuals in Crawford, La Crosse, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon counties.

“I am extremely pleased that FEMA has turned this disaster declaration around so quickly for these five counties, who have been dealing with relentless rain and flooding for a week,” Rep. Kind said. “I want to thank President Bush, FEMA Administrator Paulison, and Governor Doyle for making this such a high priority. I believe this kind of turnaround is a testament to the work of local officials, Wisconsin Emergency Management, and the non-governmental organizations, who were able to quickly and efficiently identify where damages were sustained, and direct the FEMA teams accordingly.

“This declaration will free up much needed resources for the victims of this flood, and ensure that individuals will be able to return to their homes and businesses as quickly as possible,” Rep. Kind continued. “We will continue to work together on all levels of government to help those affected rebuild their lives.”

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Those who sustained losses in Crawford, La Crosse, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon counties can begin applying for assistance tomorrow by registering online at <http://www.fema.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA(3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (local time) Monday thru Sunday.