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LE SUEUR COUNTY PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION AMENDED TO INCLUDE **INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS**

Le Sueur County residents and business affected by flood and rains in June encouraged to apply for possible disaster relief

Le Sueur County Emergency Management in conjunction with the announcements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) would like to announce that Le Sueur County's National Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4797-DR-MN) has been amended to include Individual Assistance (IA) to provide potential relief to residents and business owners who suffered losses as a result of the rains and floods in June of 2024. The declaration was amended on July 29, 2024. IA can come in many forms and the relief is varied. Residents are encouraged to apply online at www.disasterassistance.gov to begin the application process. DRC location in Waterville will be announced once the location is approved. "We are able to show the widespread damage that happened as a result of the flooding and rains in Le Sueur County in June, "said Le Sueur County Board Chair Steve Rohlfing, "Now that the process is moving forward we need to get the resident to visit the Disaster Recovery Center in Waterville to see what help could be there for the losses that were not covered."

This is the culmination of visits by FEMA to Le Sueur County over the past couple of weeks. FEMA visited with homeowners, renters, and business owners to survey the damage in Le Sueur County. Residents that suffered uninsured losses should apply. Determinations of assistance will be made by FEMA. "For those who would like to apply in-person or need support with their application, FEMA will be establishing a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Waterville," said Tammy Stewig, Le Sueur County Emergency Management Director. "We are currently working with FEMA to determine where the DRC will be located and when it will be established. We will provide additional information as it becomes available." In addition, residents are still encouraged to additionally report their damage to Le Sueur County Emergency Management at 507-357-8395 or 507-357-8394 if they believe their assessed value of the structure was affected.

If there are any questions, or for more information, please call Le Sueur County Emergency Management at 507-357-8395. For more information on Individual Assistance (IA), please visit www.fema.gov/assistance/individual.