

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023*

**Statement on the Deaths Resulting From Tornadoes in Mississippi**  
*March 25, 2023*

Jill and I are praying for those who have lost loved ones in the devastating tornadoes in Mississippi and for those whose loved ones are missing.

The images from across Mississippi are heartbreaking. While we are still assessing the full extent of the damage, we know that many of our fellow Americans are not only grieving for family and friends, they've lost their homes and businesses.

Today I reached out to Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves and have spoken to Senator Wicker, Senator Hyde-Smith, and Congressman Bennie Thompson to express my condolences and offer full Federal support as communities recover from the effects of this storm. I also spoke to FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell, who has already deployed emergency response personnel and resources to support search-and-rescue teams, assess the damage, and focus our Federal support where it is needed most quickly.

To those impacted by these devastating storms and to the first responders and emergency personnel working to help their fellow Americans: We will do everything we can to help. We will be there as long as it takes. We will work together to deliver the support you need to recover.

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