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**SUPERVISOR RICE REACTS TO RECENT STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE IN
MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

Urges Residents to Report Damages to Authorities

July 27, 2010...Milwaukee, WI – In light of the recent storm and flood damage in Milwaukee County, District 6 Supervisor Joseph A. Rice issued the following statement:

“The severe storm and flood damage of the last weeks in the North Shore and greater Milwaukee area has been devastating. The damage assessment for the county as of this date exceeds \$37.5 million and with new reports coming in on regular basis, that number will surely grow,” Rice said.

“Those figures, of course, do not come close to calculating the impacts upon homeowners. One cannot put a price tag on the loss of sentimental items such as family heirlooms, picture albums and related items; neither does it reflect the time, frustration and aggravation expended in the process of cleaning up one’s home,” Rice added. “Many people I have talked to have expressed disbelief that this could happen to them. At the same time we hear countless stories of neighbors helping neighbors and of the true community spirit that helps us get through these situations.”

Representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are expected to tour the damaged areas in communities on Wednesday. Governor Doyle declared a State of Emergency and County Executive Walker declared the county to be a major disaster area. For those citizens and businesses that have suffered losses, a system has been established to accept storm/flood damage information. This information will be forwarded to Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and subsequently to FEMA, which will determine the extent of relief our region will receive.

The damage information can be reported in the following ways:

- Call “2-1-1” where an operator will take information over the phone; or
- Log on to www.impact.org where a questionnaire is posted that allows electronic entry of flood damage information.

Residents should also report basement backups to the municipality in which they reside.

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