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## Tedisco: FEMA Approves Disaster Declaration for 49th Senate District Counties Impacted by Halloween Storm

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Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C,I,REF-Glenville) today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a major disaster declaration for **Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer and Saratoga Counties** which were impacted by the devastating October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween storm.

Senator Tedisco has visited many of the affected areas and been in constant contact with local, state and federal officials to advocate for this federal disaster declaration and enable federal reimbursement for rebuilding infrastructure and public facilities.

The federal government still has not yet approved the state's request for federal assistance for the taxpayers whose homes were destroyed or sustained damage and the state should do all it can to advocate for that to happen.

"This federal declaration is welcome news and a step in the right direction to help the overburdened taxpayers whose communities were directly impacted by the Halloween storm begin to rebuild and recover from this devastating event," said Senator Jim Tedisco. "We still need FEMA to approve federal assistance to the taxpayers and homeowners who have lost so much in this storm and we need to ensure the federal funds get to the counties, towns, villages and local governments in a timely and expedited manner to make these individuals and communities whole again."