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FEMA Individual Assistance Decision a Big Win for Milwaukee

Statement of Alderman Willie C. Wade September 20, 2010

I would like to take a moment and publicly thank Sen. Herb Kohl, Rep. Gwen Moore, Governor Jim Doyle, and Mayor Tom Barrett for their determined efforts to persuade FEMA to change its position and make flood damage assistance available to individuals and businesses in the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. On behalf of the citizens of the 7th Aldermanic District, thank you and thank goodness for your “never give up” attitude!

The 7th District was hit particularly hard by the storms in July, and the district generated the most basement backup complaints in the city.

I would also like to thank the constituents of the 7th District who worked with my office and provided information for the city’s appeal to FEMA to consider basement areas used as living spaces and sleeping areas. This information was vitally important to helping the city persuade FEMA to grant assistance for individuals and businesses who sustained losses to the floodwaters. Without your proactive contributions, I do not believe this would have been possible.

I will include FEMA assistance application information on my city web page (<http://www.milwaukee.gov/district7>) and will also make sure it is widely distributed to the news media. But for now, if you are interested in finding out how to apply:

- **Register online** at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>
- **Call FEMA’s hotline** at 1-800-621-FEMA/3362. (TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech- and hearing-impaired). The hotline is open 7 a.m.-10 p.m. local time, seven days per week.
- **Go to <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/>** and look at the items listed under “Facts Regarding FEMA Individual Assistance” for more information which applies to both individuals and businesses.