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President Obama Grants Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for December Tornadoes

DALLAS, Texas ---This morning, President Barack Obama declared a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 25 Texas Counties, including Dallas County, as a result of the December 26th tornadoes that swept across North Texas. While Public Assistance to municipalities and government agencies who are involved in debris removal and repair has been granted, Individual Assistance to homeowners, renters, and business owners is still under review by our federal partners.

"I'm grateful for President Obama's declaration today of a disaster and the federal flow of funds to help municipalities. Our residents are still reeling from the tornadoes that claimed 13 lives in North Texas and I'm hopeful for the inclusion of Individual Assistance to homeowners. As we see rental assistance from insurance companies expiring, homeowners are forced to pay for a place to stay while still paying a mortgage. Much of their personal property is ruined and some are incurring medical bills from the trauma caused by these terrible storms," said County Judge Clay Jenkins.

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