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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Governor Whitmer Extends State of Emergency to Include Chesterfield Township**

Earlier today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer expanded her initial State of Emergency declaration issued on August 25, to include both Chesterfield Township and the City of New Baltimore after several storm fronts brought heavy rain to our area.

"Today, I am declaring a state of emergency in parts of Macomb as residents, small businesses, and communities recover from recent storms and tornadoes," said **Governor Whitmer**. "This action ensures we can get resources out the door as quickly and efficiently as possible to get it into the hands of the people who need it most. Let's keep having each other's backs. We will get through this together."

Last week, Governor Whitmer requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) join state and local officials to assess the extent of damage to homes and businesses in Ingham, Ionia, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, and Wayne counties. From September 19 through September 22, four Individual Assistance teams of federal, state, and local personnel will conduct a joint preliminary damage assessment (PDA) of areas impacted by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding. Collecting damage assessment information is an initial step to assist state officials in determining whether a Presidential disaster declaration should be requested.

"We cannot thank Governor Whitmer enough for the inclusion of our communities in this declaration. This critical step will allow our residents to seek the assistance they need to continue to clean up and restore their homes and lives back to normal," said Chesterfield Township Supervisor, Brad Kersten. "As this State of Emergency progresses, we will continue to update the public with information as we receive it."

The Supervisor would also like to thank Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, Drain Commissioner Candace Miller, Senator Kevin Hertel, Macomb County Emergency Management, The Michigan State Police Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division, and the Chesterfield Township employees.

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