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Governor McDonnell Announces State Tax Relief Granted for Victims of Severe Storms

~ Taxpayers in Disaster Areas Receive Filing and Payment Extensions on State Taxes~

RICHMOND – Governor Bob McDonnell announced today that those affected by the severe storms that struck Virginia on April 8 and April 16 will be granted a 30-day extension for filing returns and making payments on their state taxes.

This extension will apply to taxpayers located in the cities of Charlottesville and Waynesboro, and in the following counties: Albemarle, Augusta, Bath, Carroll, Dinwiddie, Gloucester, Halifax, Isle of Wight, James City, Lunenburg, Middlesex, Pulaski, Page, Rockbridge, Shenandoah, Surry, and Warren. Taxpayers outside of these areas who sustained severe damage from the storms may also request an extension.

If the Governor declares any additional localities as disaster areas, they will also qualify for this tax relief. Check the Tax Department's website at www.tax.virginia.gov for updates.

To qualify for this special filing extension, taxpayers must be unable to meet their filing obligations because the financial books and records they need to file their taxes are located in the affected areas or are otherwise unavailable because of severe storm damage.

Individuals and businesses in these areas automatically get 30 additional days to file all returns and make all tax payments that had a due date, or an extended due date, on or after April 16, 2011, and on or before May 2, 2011. These include Sales and Use Tax returns, Withholding Tax returns, Income Tax returns, and estimated tax payments. This extension does not apply to federal taxes, the filing deadline for which was yesterday.

To receive the special filing extension, taxpayers affected by the severe storm damage should write "Severe Storm Relief" at the top of their paper returns. The Virginia Department of Taxation will abate interest and any late-filing or late-payment penalties that would otherwise apply.

Taxpayers with additional questions should contact Tax at (804) 367-8031 for individual income tax questions or (804) 367-8037 for business tax questions.

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