



FEMA

August 3, 2026

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan
George W. Romney Building
111 South Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer:

This is in response to your June 23, 2026, appeal for a major disaster declaration for the State of Michigan as a result of a severe storm and tornadoes on March 6, 2026. You specifically appealed the denial of Individual Assistance for Branch, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

After a thorough review of all the information contained in the initial request and appeal, we reaffirm our original findings that the impact from this event is not of the severity and magnitude that warrants a major disaster declaration. Therefore, I must inform you that your appeal for a major disaster declaration is denied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJF", followed by a circular stamp or mark.

Robert J. Fenton, Jr.
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the
Administrator