WASHINGTON (April 28) –Members of Alabama's congressional delegation unanimously supported Governor Robert Bentley's request for an expedited federal disaster declaration in the wake of widespread tornado destruction in the state.

The delegation sent a letter to President Obama Wednesday night in support of a disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, which authorizes the use of federal resources for emergency response and recovery efforts.

"The State of Alabama was struck by a series or tornadoes so devastating that they are already being termed as among the worst in our state's history," the letter stated.

Approval of the request was confirmed late Wednesday night during a telephone call between the President and the Governor.

The bipartisan letter was signed by Alabama's two Senators and all seven House members.