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Relief Resources *for* Hurricane Michael

Dear Floridians

With Hurricane Michael we witnessed how quickly storms can escalate and how dangerous they can be. It turned out to be the strongest storm ever to hit the Panhandle.

As we clean-up and rebuild, I encourage every Floridian affected by this storm to apply for assistance with FEMA as soon as possible. You may be eligible for financial help or even direct assistance for things such as: temporary housing, medical and moving expenses, and more.

To find supplies, such as food, water or ice, please contact your county emergency management at www.floridadisaster.org/ counties for the location of the nearest distribution center.

Please take a few minutes to review the information provided. It's important that you get your FEMA claim in as soon as possible, without delay.

I encourage you to share this information with your friends and neighbors as we work together to rebuild.



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FEMA Assistance

To apply for FEMA assistance visit: www.disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) TTY: 1-800-462-7585. To find the nearest FEMA Disaster Recovery Center visit: www.egateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator.

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Basic Supplies

If you need supplies, such as food, water, or ice, please contact your county emergency management at: www.floridadisaster.org/counties or by phone at (850) 815-4001 for the location of the nearest distribution center. Your county emergency management can provide up-to-date information about shelters and local distribution centers for food and supplies.



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Help for Seniors

If you know of a senior who needs assistance call the Florida Department of Elder Affairs hotline at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337). To report elder abuse, call 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873).

Help for Veterans

Veterans in need of assistance or in need of their medication can contact the Veteran Disaster Hotline at 1-800-507-4571 or go to any VA medical facility for assistance.

Mental Health

If you or someone you know is experiencing emotional distress please call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained counselor. You may also visit: www.bit.ly/2vH2Huc for more information about managing stress after a disaster and talking with children about traumatic events.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

If you need emergency help call 9-1-1.

Mortgage Relief

To find out if you qualify for temporary mortgage relief, visit the Freddie Mac website at: www.freddiemac.com/about/hurricane-relief, the Fannie Mae website at: www.fanniemae.com/portal/about-fm/hurricane-relief or by phone at 1-800-2FANNIE (800-232-6643). To contact the Federal Housing Finance Agency visit: www.fhfa.gov/Homeownersbuyer/MortgageAssistance/Pages/Disaster-Assistance.

You may also contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to find out if you qualify for any hurricane related help with your mortgage or mortgage insurance. To contact HUD about disaster assistance visit: www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/ins/203h-dft or www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/qaho0121

Tax Relief

Taxpayers in affected areas may be eligible for tax relief from the IRS. To learn more about IRS assistance visit: www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-relief-in-disaster-situations.

Disaster Recovery Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration is providing various disaster loans to qualifying Floridians. For more information about SBA disaster loans visit: www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance. The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides loans to qualifying individuals, businesses, and communities after disasters. For more information visit: www.usda.gov/topics/disaster/storms, or contact the USDA office in Florida at: (352) 338-3400.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance

Floridians who are unemployed as a result of a disaster, and who are ineligible for regular state unemployment insurance, are encouraged to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) through the U.S. Department of Labor. For additional information about DUA visit: www.workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp or contact the U.S. Department of Labor by phone at 1-866-487-2365.

Hurricane Response Hiring

The U.S. Small Business Administration is hiring a variety of temporary positions located throughout areas affected by recent disasters. For more information visit: www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/hurricane-response-jobs-sba. For FEMA hiring visit: www.careers.fema.gov/hurricane-workforce.

Blue Tarp Roofs

If you are in need of fiber-reinforced sheeting to cover damaged roofs until permanent repairs can be made, please call the Army Corps of Engineers at 1-888-ROOF-BLU or visit www.usace.army.mil/BlueRoof/ to see if you are eligible.



Contact Bill

For assistance, contact me by visiting my website at: www.BillNelson.senate.gov, by phone toll free in Florida at 1-888-671-4091, or stop by any of my offices.



Important Contact Information

Emergency Assistance

Phone: 9-1-1

Local Resources (food, shelter, childcare)

Phone: 2-1-1

Food, water, ice distribution

Web: www.floridadisaster.org

Phone: 850-815-4001 | TDD/TTY: 1-800-226-4329

County Emergency Management Offices

Web: www.floridadisaster.org/counties

Shelters

Web: www.floridadisaster.org/shelter-status

Florida Highway Conditions:

Web: www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/traffic/live_traffic_feed

Phone: 5-1-1 or *FHP (347)

Florida Elder Affairs Hotline

Phone: 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337)

Web: elderaffairs.state.fl.us

Veteran Disaster Hotline

Web: www.va.gov

Phone: 1-800-507-4571

Disaster Distress Helpline (for emotional distress)

Phone: 1-800-985-5990

Text: TalkWithUs to 66746

Blue Tarp Roofs (Army Corps of Engineers)

Phone: 1-888-ROOF-BLU

FEMA

Web: www.disasterassistance.gov

Phone: 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)

TTY: 1-800-745-0243