



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

October 5, 2016

The Honorable Barack H. Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Through: Gracia B. Szczech, Regional Administrator  
FEMA Region IV  
3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, GA 30341

RE: Request for Emergency Declaration  
Hurricane Matthew

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C §§5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"), as implemented by 44 C.F.R. §206.35, I request that you declare a pre-landfall emergency for the State of Florida as a result of Hurricane Matthew. This request is timely under 44 CFR §206.35(a).

I submit this request in anticipation of the impacts of Hurricane Matthew, a Category 3 storm that could result in a major disaster for significant portions of the state of Florida.

Based upon forecasts and declarations of local states of emergency, I request an Emergency Declaration for the state of Florida for the following counties: Baker; Brevard; Broward; Citrus; Clay; Duval; Flagler; Glades; Hendry; Hernando; Highlands; Indian River; Lake; Marion; Martin; Miami-Dade; Monroe; Nassau; Okeechobee; Orange; Osceola; Palm Beach; Polk; Putnam; Seminole; St. Johns; St. Lucie; and, Volusia.

I request Direct Federal Assistance ("DFA") in order to meet pre-impact, critical emergency protection requirements that are beyond the capability of state and affected tribal and/or local governments.

Finally, on October 3, the National Hurricane Center (“NHC”) included the southeastern coast of Florida within the three-day forecast cone for Hurricane Matthew. Therefore, I request a starting date of October 3 for this emergency.

**I. The Situation is of Such Severity and Magnitude that Effective Response is Beyond the Capability of the State and the Affected Local Governments - 44 CFR §206.35(b)(1)**

**A. Hurricane Matthew**

As of the 2:00 p.m. advisory on October 5, 2016, Matthew was a Category 3 storm traveling northwest away from the southeastern tip of Cuba with maximum sustained winds of 120 miles per hour.

With a hurricane warning for Lake Okeechobee in the southern interior of the State, a hurricane warning stretching along the East Coast from Golden Beach (Miami-Dade/Broward County line) in the south to the Flagler/Volusia County line in the north, and a hurricane watch extending up to Fernandina Beach (Florida/Georgia state line), Hurricane Matthew has the potential to bring devastating impacts to millions of Floridians.

I understand that, as the Governor making this request, I must demonstrate that the “situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capability of the state and the affected local governments.” At some point, however, the situation speaks for itself. As a Category 3 storm with maximum sustained winds of at least 120 miles per hour, I believe that Hurricane Matthew sufficiently makes that statement.

**B. Hurricane Hermine**

While Florida has robust emergency management programs at the State and local levels, the lingering impacts from Hurricane Hermine have negatively impacted the capability of Florida to respond to a major hurricane as large and as strong as Hurricane Matthew. On September 2, 2016, Hurricane Hermine made landfall near St. Marks, Florida, as a Category 1 storm. On September 28, 2016, the President declared a major disaster for Florida with several counties on the Gulf Coast listed for Public Assistance and Individual Assistance. While the Major Disaster Declaration will assist Florida in its efforts to recover from Hurricane Hermine, I ask for an Emergency Declaration to assist Florida in its capability to respond to Hurricane Matthew.

**II. The Situation Requires Supplementary Federal Emergency Assistance to Save Lives and to Protect Property, Public Health and Safety, or to Lessen or Avert the Threat of a Disaster - 44 CFR §206.35(b)(2)**

The NHC describes the potential damage from a Category 3 Hurricane as follows:

Devastating damage will occur: Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads. Electricity and water will be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.

**III. Confirmation That the Governor Has Taken Appropriate Action Under State Law and Directed the Execution of the State Emergency Plan - 44 CFR §206.35(c)(1)**

On October 3, 2016, I issued Executive Order 16-230 and directed the State Coordinating Officer to execute the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

**IV. Information Describing the State and Local Efforts and Resources Which Have Been or Will Be Used to Alleviate the Emergency**

On October 3, 2016, the State Emergency Response Team ("SERT") activated to a Level 2. On October 4, the SERT activated to a Level 1.

As of the date of this request, the following counties have declared local states of emergency: Baker; Brevard; Broward; Clay; Citrus; DeSoto; Duval; Flagler; Glades; Hendry; Hernando; Highlands; Indian River; Lake; Marion; Martin; Nassau; Okeechobee; Osceola; Palm Beach; Seminole; St. Johns; St. Lucie; Sumter; and, Volusia.

Targeted evacuations in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Brevard, Volusia, Flagler, St. Johns, Duval, and Nassau Counties could involve nearly 2 million Floridians.

**V. Information Describing Other Federal Agency Efforts and Resources Which Have Been or Will Be Used in Responding to This Incident**

On October 3, 2016, the SERT Chief requested that the following Federal agencies send a representative to the State Emergency Operations Center: U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers; U.S. Coast Guard; and, the Federal Highway Administration. Coordination with other Federal agencies is ongoing.

On October 4, a Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") Incident Management Assistance Team ("IMAT") assigned to Florida for Hurricane Hermine was reassigned to Florida for Hurricane Matthew.

#### **VI. Identification of the Type and Extent of Additional Federal Aid Required**

In order to save and protect lives, I request Direct Federal Assistance ("DFA") in the form of personnel, equipment, and supplies. In order to address current unmet needs within our State, I specifically request food, water, and tarps. I may request additional forms of DFA as other life safety needs arise.

#### **VII. Conclusion**

I have designated Bryan W. Koon, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, as the State Coordinating Officer for this emergency. He is authorized to provide any further information, assurances, requests, or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott  
Governor

Enclosures:  
FEMA Form 010-0-13

**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION  
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

1. Request Date Oct. 5, 2016

**Burden Disclosure Notice**

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 9 hours per response. The burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and submitting the form. This collection of information is required to obtain a benefit. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Information Collections Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, Paperwork Reduction Project (1660-0009). **NOTE: Do not send your completed form to this address.**

Completion of this form including applicable attachments satisfies legal requirements for emergency and major disaster declaration requests under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5191, respectively, as implemented at 44 C.F.R. §§ 206.35 and 206.36. Failure to use this form may result in a failure to meet these requirements and/or a delay in processing the request.

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| 2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration.<br>State of Florida | 2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s).<br>18,801,310 |
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| 3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name<br>The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor | 4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number<br>Mr. Bryan Koon, Director - FL Division of Emergency Management (850) 413-9969 |
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5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number  
Mr. Bryan Koon, Director - FL Division of Emergency Management (850) 413-9969

6. Declaration Request For:  Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401)  Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501(a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date Oct. 3, 2016 End Date \_\_\_\_\_ or  Continuing *If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

Drought  Earthquake  Explosion  Fire  Flood  Hurricane  Landslide  Mudslide  
 Severe Storm (rain, high water, wind-driven rain, hail, lightning)  Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data)  Straight-Line Winds  
 Tidal Wave  Tornado  Tropical Depression  Tropical Storm  Tsunami  Volcanic Eruption  Winter Storm  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.  
Please see cover letter.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.  
Please see cover letter.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment\*

Individual Assistance    Dates Performed \_\_\_\_\_ Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Start \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

n/a

Public Assistance    Dates Performed \_\_\_\_\_ Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Start \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

n/a

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance     N/A     Individuals and Households Program     Crisis Counseling Program     Disaster Unemployment Assistance  
 All     Disaster Case Management     Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation.

n/a

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

n/a

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance  N/A  Debris Removal (Category A)  Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)  Permanent Work (Categories C-G)\* (not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

Please see cover letter.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Tribal Land Map, there are areas of Miccosukee and Seminole Tribal Lands within the area for which this request is being made.

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request\*.

**Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity**

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

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**Request for Direct Federal Assistance**

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:  
Please see cover letter.

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.  
Please see cover letter.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

**Request for Snow Assistance**

N/A  I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

n/a

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation\*  Statewide **OR**

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

n/a

12. Mitigation Plan Information\*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date August 23, 2018 b. Type of Plan  Enhanced  Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies  I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C**: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request\*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

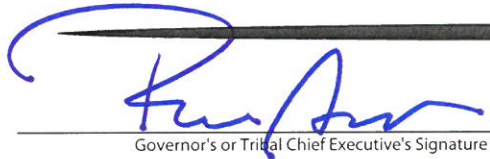
a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Oct. 3, 2016 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

- Cover Letter  Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)\*  Enclosure B (Public Assistance)\*  
 Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs)  Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)  
 Additional Supporting Documentation \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

October 5, 2016  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request