

President Donald J. Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Georgia

WASHINGTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Georgia to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Michael beginning on Oct. 9, 2018, and continuing.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Baker, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Miller, and Seminole counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding is also available to the state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work damaged by Hurricane Michael in Baker, Bleckley, Burke, Calhoun, Colquitt, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Emanuel, Grady, Houston, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Lee, Macon, Miller, Mitchell, Pulaski, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Treutlen, Turner, Wilcox, and Worth counties. As part of the Public Assistance Program, assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent federal funding.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures for statewide.

Manny J. Toro has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Toro said additional designations may be made at a later date if warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621- 3362 or 1-800-462-7585 TTY. The toll-free telephone



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numbers will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

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