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GOVERNOR

March 24, 2022

Kem R. Fleming, Director
U.S. Small Business Administration
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center East
101 Marietta Street Northwest, Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2725

Re: Request for an Administrative Declaration of Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Event

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Under the provisions of 13 C.F.R. §123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration authorize an Administrative Declaration for Marion County, Florida to provide assistance in the form of low interest loans to the citizens and business owners impacted by an EF-1 tornado that occurred on March 12, 2022.

The damages occurred from a cold front that produced severe storms and an EF-1 tornado with maximum sustained wind speed of 110mph. The tornado's track was approximately 25 miles long and 65 yards wide. Most of the damage was observed in and around the city of Ocala, Florida, in Marion County.

A damage assessment survey conducted in coordination with the County, State, and the Small Business Administration yielded 38 homes with major uninsured losses. The State does not intend to request any additional assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for this incident.

Based on these impacts, I request an Administrative Declaration to immediately provide assistance to the individuals, families, and businesses impacted by this disaster. This request is timely under 13 CFR 123.3(a)(3)(iii).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor