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News Release

South Carolina Survivors Now Have Until Dec. 5 to Register for Disaster Assistance

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The deadline for South Carolinians to register for disaster assistance – for uninsured or underinsured damage or losses due to Hurricane Florence – has been **extended to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018**. FEMA granted the extension at the request of Gov. Henry McMaster, citing a continued flow of new applications for federal assistance.

South Carolina homeowners, renters and business owners in **Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion and Marlboro** counties may apply for disaster assistance for losses occurring between **Sept. 8, and Oct. 8, 2018** from Hurricane Florence.

Long-term, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to assist businesses of any size, homeowners and renters, also may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov or by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955 (800-877-8339)** for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Survivors can apply the following ways:

- Call **800-621-3362** or **800-462-7585** (TTY) anytime from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.** local time seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are available.
- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov or DisasterAssistance.gov/es (for Spanish)
- Visit any open State/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center. Go to www.fema.gov/DRC to view locations.

For more information on Hurricane Florence and South Carolina recovery, visit the S.C. Emergency Management Division website at scemd.org, on social media (@SCEMD on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram), or FEMA's Hurricane Florence disaster webpage at www.fema.gov/disaster/4394, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/FEMA, and the FEMA Region 4 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion4.

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FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated

against, call FEMA toll-free at **800- 621-3362** (voice, **711/VRS** - Video Relay Service) (TTY: **800-462-7585**). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish). **ACCESSIBILITY:** If you were affected by Hurricane Florence in South Carolina and need a sign language interpreter, foreign language interpreter, document in Braille, large print or electronic files and it is not available on the FEMA website: www.fema.gov/resources-people-disabilities-access-functional-needs please call **803-691-7563** to request a reasonable accommodation. This phone number is for **ACCOMMODATIONS ONLY**—not for general FEMA helpline assistance.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling **(800) 659-2955**, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call **(800) 877-8339**.