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October 16, 2024

Mr. Kem Fleming, Director
United States Small Business Administration
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center – East
101 Marietta Street Northwest, Suite 700
Atlanta, GA 30303-2725

Re: Brunswick County Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration Request

Dear Mr. Fleming:

On behalf of the residents of Brunswick County and the surrounding area, I am requesting a Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster declaration due to the damages and destruction related to the severe weather pattern known as Potential Tropical Cyclone Eight impacting our State from September 16, 2024 through September 20, 2024. The severe weather inflicted major damage resulting from riverine and flash flooding in Brunswick County and the surrounding areas. This flooding resulted in one death and destruction to homes and businesses.

The surveys conducted on October 1-2, 2024, incorporated both state damage estimates and photographic documentation of damage.

The survey confirmed 81 buildings were damaged because of the severe weather, including 72 homes and 9 businesses. Brunswick County and the surrounding area sustained enough damage to exceed the established SBA criteria of at least 25 homes and/or businesses with 40 percent uninsured loss.

Under the provisions of the SBA disaster loan program found in 13 C.F.R. § 123, I am requesting SBA make a disaster declaration for Brunswick County as well as the contiguous counties. This disaster declaration will provide needed support to individual North Carolinians and business owners affected by this event. North Carolina will not pursue an Individual Assistance Major Disaster declaration with FEMA.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If additional information is required to assist you in your determination, please contact Mr. Joe Stanton, Assistant Director for Recovery with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management at (919) 218-6325.

Sincerely,

Roy Cooper

Attachment: SBA Final PDA Summary