

March 25, 2016

The Honorable Rick Scott Governor of Florida State Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor Scott:

This is in response to your March 16, 2016, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Florida as a result of severe storms, tornadoes, and straight-line winds during the period of February 15-24, 2016. You specifically requested Individuals Assistance for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the damage was not of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the state, affected local governments, and voluntary agencies. Accordingly, we have determined that supplemental federal assistance is not necessary. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. Any appeal pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.46, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through Gracia B. Szczech, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV, located at 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

Sincerely,

W. Craig Fugate

Administrator