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**FLORIDA RECEIVES FEDERAL PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION IN
RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM FAY**

~ Public assistance funds granted to Brevard, Monroe, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties~

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today announced that Florida has received a Presidential Declaration from the President of the United States, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as a result of the flooding rains and severe weather caused by Tropical Storm Fay. This declaration will provide public assistance funds to Brevard, Monroe, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties.

Public Assistance funds will provide assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities. Other counties will be considered as damage assessments continue throughout the state.

“This is just one of many types of assistance we are pursuing to jump-start the recovery process as Fay moves out of the state,” said Craig Fugate, State Coordinating Officer for Florida. “In the days and weeks to come, we will be aggressively looking at other ways to provide assistance to the survivors of this storm.”

Teams of State and local officials, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, are currently conducting damage assessments in counties that were impacted by the storm. These assessments will continue as the storm moves through Florida.

For additional information on Tropical Storm Fay and the State Emergency Response Team, please visit the Florida Division of Emergency Management online at: www.FloridaDisaster.org

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