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Jeffrey L. Coleman, Federal Coordinating Officer
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Florida Department of Emergency Management

Re: FEMA - 4564-DR
Request for Public Assistance for Private Property Debris Removal

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Please accept this letter as Escambia County's request for public assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fund removal of debris generated by Hurricane Sally from private property. This request is submitted pursuant to the referenced major disaster declaration by President Donald J. Trump on September 23, 2020.

To supplement the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"), and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Escambia County has adopted Section 37-36, Escambia County Code of Ordinances, which authorizes the County Administrator during declared states of local emergency to enter "onto private roads and other private areas to remove debris and address other conditions that present an imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public-at-large." A copy of Section 37-36, Escambia County Code of Ordinances, and the resolutions declaring and extending the state of local emergency due to Hurricane Sally are enclosed for your reference.

I have consulted with Administrator and Health Officer Marie Brady Mott of the Florida Department of Health, and she has determined that the large amount of debris generated by Hurricane Sally, including debris on private property, creates an immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Escambia County. A copy of her letter dated September 23, 2020, to my Emergency Management Director, Eric Gilmore, is also enclosed for your reference.

After extensive consultation with local officials and my emergency management staff, as County Administrator, I have determined that, due to the severity and magnitude of the damage caused by Hurricane Sally, it is in the public interest to enter onto certain private roads and other private areas to remove debris that presents an immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Escambia County, Florida, and to promote economic recovery of the affected areas. I have enclosed a preliminary list of the private roads and other areas that we have identified for debris removal funded by FEMA's public assistance program along with copies of Right of Entry Agreements executed by the affected property owners. I will supplement this request as additional private roads and other private areas are identified for debris removal.

As required by the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §5173(b), Escambia County agrees to indemnify the Federal Government against any claim arising from the debris removal contemplated in this request.

If there is any additional information or documentation that you need to process and approve this request, please contact me directly. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


Janice Gilley
County Administrator

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Enclosures

