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Ascension Parish Government Announces Roadside Debris Pickup Following Major Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Francine

Gonzales, LA - Roadside debris pickup services will now be available to residents as part of ongoing recovery efforts following the devastating impact of Hurricane Francine. This announcement comes in response to President Joe R. Biden's declaration of a major disaster in Louisiana, covering the period from September 9 to September 12, 2024. The declaration provides federal assistance to support state, tribal, and local recovery efforts, which includes Ascension Parish and several neighboring parishes.

The disaster declaration makes federal funding available to those individuals that qualify and local governments in Ascension Parish, Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, and Terrebonne parishes. The aid is aimed at supporting temporary housing, home repairs, low-cost loans for uninsured property damage, and hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment expressed gratitude for the federal support, stating, "With the help of this federal declaration, we will be able to speed up the recovery process for our residents. Roadside debris pickup is just one of the critical services we are offering to ensure that Ascension Parish recovers swiftly and completely from Hurricane Francine's impact. I urge all residents who have been affected to make use of the resources available and apply for assistance as soon as possible."

Federal funding will also be available on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work conducted by state, tribal, and eligible local governments, as well as private nonprofit organizations. Ms. Sandra L. Eslinger of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been appointed to oversee federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses can begin applying for assistance by visiting www.DisasterAssistance.gov or calling 800-621-FEMA (3362). Assistance is also available through the FEMA App or relay services, such as video relay service (VRS) or captioned telephone service.

As damage assessments continue in other areas, additional parishes and forms of assistance may be designated once evaluations are completed.

For more information, please contact our Call Center at 225-450-1200.