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Gov. Nikki Haley's Request for FEMA Individual Assistance Extension Granted *S.C. Flood Survivors Now Have Until January 3 To Apply For Federal Aid*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley today announced that her office's request for a 30 day extension of the registration period for Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Individual Assistance was granted.

South Carolinians affected by October's heavy rains and historic flooding now have until midnight January 3, 2016, to apply for disaster assistance with FEMA and the Small Business Administration.

Flood survivors who sustained losses in the designated counties can apply for assistance by registering online at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362) . Disaster assistance applicants who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585. Those who use 711 or Video Relay Service may call 800-621-FEMA (3362). The toll-free telephone numbers will operate 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Assistance can include money for temporary rental assistance and essential home repairs for primary homes, low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help survivors recover from the effects of the disaster.

Residents who were affected by severe storms and heavy flooding in the following 24 counties have until midnight January 3 to apply for federal disaster assistance: Bamberg, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter and Williamsburg counties.

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