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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Hurricane Michael 600 miles southwest of Flagler, minimal impacts likely

**October 8, 2018** – Hurricane Michael is 600 miles south, southwest of Flagler, and there are no tropical weather watches or warning for the county at this time. Minimal impacts are expected.

“Florida declared a state of emergency for 26 counties, but Flagler County is not among them,” said Flagler County Emergency Management Chief Jonathan Lord. “They are on the Gulf side of the state and the panhandle.”

The likelihood that Flagler County will receive some sustained tropical storm force winds is between 18 and 40 percent. However the risk of damaging winds is only 5 percent. There may be nuisance flooding and an elevated risk of rip currents.

Residents and businesses can review preparedness information and enroll in **ALERT**Flagler by visiting [www.FlaglerCounty.org/emergency](http://www.FlaglerCounty.org/emergency). For those looking to enroll **ALERT**Flagler you may also go directly to [www.FlaglerCounty.org/ALERTFlagler](http://www.FlaglerCounty.org/ALERTFlagler), this page also includes a short instructional [YouTube](#) video to assist you with the enrollment process.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to follow official weather and government sources for their storm related information, such as:

- Flagler County Emergency Management: [www.FlaglerCounty.org/emergency](http://www.FlaglerCounty.org/emergency)
- Flagler County Emergency Services’ Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FlaglerEOC](http://www.facebook.com/FlaglerEOC)
- Flagler County Emergency Services’ Twitter: [www.twitter.com/FlaglerEM](http://www.twitter.com/FlaglerEM)
- National Hurricane Center: [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
- National Weather Service – Jacksonville: [www.weather.gov/jacksonville](http://www.weather.gov/jacksonville).

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