



FEMA

February 15, 2022

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

This is in response to your January 24, 2022, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Florida as a result of severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes on January 16, 2022. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for Lee and Charlotte Counties.

Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the damage from this event was not of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the state, affected local governments, and voluntary agencies. Accordingly, we have determined that supplemental federal assistance is not necessary. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied.

FEMA's Region IV Regional Administrator will communicate any additional resources that may be available through Other Federal Agencies and/or volunteer organizations to address unmet needs for survivor assistance. In addition, FEMA will coordinate with the State of Florida to identify additional damage information to support an appeal if necessary.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. Any appeal pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.46, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through Gracia B. Szczech, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV, located at 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deanne Criswell".

Deanne Criswell
Administrator