

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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<Mosquito Control Director>

Address Line 1

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City, State ZIP

Dear **Name**:

This letter is provided in support of your request to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Division of Agricultural Environmental Services, to provide <describe mosquito control request> XXXXX County. In September 2016, Hurricane Hermine produced approximately X inches of rain in this county and standing water remains in parts of the county, providing ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. The resulting mosquito population explosion is anticipated to hamper disaster assessment, post-storm debris removal and community recovery activities.

As you are aware, a Public Health Emergency exists in Florida for Zika virus, a mosquito borne disease. Florida is currently the only state in the country with mosquito borne transmission of Zika virus in the United States. <Insert County> has confirmed X cases of travel-associated Zika virus infection in the county and tested an additional X people for the virus. In addition, West Nile virus (WNV) is present throughout the state and activity typically peaks in late summer and fall. With this public health risk, it is imperative that we work to prevent exposure to mosquito-borne diseases.

Additionally, <describe any other mosquito borne disease outbreaks impacting the county, if applicable>.

There is also a concern for a dramatic increase in skin infections from persons bitten numerous times by extremely high numbers of nuisance mosquitos.

If the Department can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact XXX

Sincerely,

Local Health Officer

Title

Florida Department of Health - County

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