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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference®. Each year, the Conference works to build relationships between responders – developing trust, teamwork and communication efforts to better prepare the Sunshine State for future hurricanes.

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference®. Since its inception, the conference has attracted tens of thousands of emergency management professionals to take part in workshops, training, and to network with partners from around the state. We are fortunate to have many dedicated emergency management professionals, as well as volunteers, organizations and community groups who are committed to disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

The theme for this year's conference, *25 years: Learning from the Past, Preparing for the Future*, honors the commitment of those who have the responsibility to protect our citizens from tropical events that threaten the safety of Florida, its communities, its businesses and its citizens. This conference is a time to examine lessons learned over the years and an opportunity to increase response effectiveness and examine the hurricane preparedness needs of Florida.

Again, thank you for your commitment to Florida and our 18 million residents. Best wishes for a very productive 2011 Conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott