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**CALHOUN COUNTY AND FEMA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
TO RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY MARCH TORNADO**

The recovery effort for the March 19th storm in Jacksonville and surrounding communities is ongoing. President Trump issued a disaster declaration for Calhoun County, making FEMA assistance available to affected individuals & households.

Additionally, the Calhoun County Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), a collaborative committee of local community and religious organizations, is committed to the recovery process over the coming months. The primary goal of the LTRC is to address unmet needs.

Unmet needs are those needs of storm survivors not addressed through insurance or government assistance programs. These needs might include supplemental financial assistance, the construction of homes where a total loss has occurred, labor to help clear and restore property, and other work performed for private individuals or families on private property.

Residents who were affected by the 3/19 tornado and have unmet needs should take these steps to register for assistance:

- 1) First, register with FEMA online at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**

- 2) Second, register with the Calhoun County Long Term Recovery Committee online at www.calhounema.org or by calling **256-236-8229 extension 123**

FEMA and LTRC will have teams in the affected areas completing door-to-door assessments and speaking with residents. Any personnel affiliated with either FEMA or the LTRC will always display official identification.