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Dear North Carolina Clerks:

As I am sure you are aware, North Carolina suffered devastating flooding and other damage from Hurricane Florence and the remnants of Hurricane Michael. Even today, schools remain closed in some southeastern NC communities and it will be months or even years before life returns to normal.

Even as local government employees have been on the front lines helping storm victims, many of these same employees – first responders, utility workers, emergency preparedness officials and those in a myriad of other positions – were victims themselves, having suffered significant losses affecting their homes and belongings.

With that in mind, the North Carolina League of Municipalities Local Leadership Foundation has established the Hometown Care Disaster Relief Fund to help those employees of member municipalities who have suffered significant uninsured losses in these storms and other natural disasters. Already, NCLM has donated \$25,000 toward the effort.

The goal of the campaign is to assist as many municipal employees as possible who were harmed by these storms, as well as create a program that can provide similar assistance in future years.

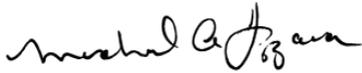
If you choose to donate, at whatever level you can, we would appreciate that support. Note that due to legal constraints on the expenditure of public funds, we are not asking for donations by municipalities. However, please share the campaign with employees, citizens, and businesses that may be interested in supporting this effort. Also, please consider sharing the campaign with your members to promote on their social media accounts. Crowdfunding campaigns are always more successful when shared widely.

To contribute to the Hometown Care Disaster Relief Fund, you may:

1. Mail your donation to Hometown Care Disaster Relief Fund, 150 Fayetteville St., Suite 300, Raleigh N.C. 27601. Make checks payable to “NCLM Local Leadership Foundation,” with notation “Hometown Care.” We will provide a letter regarding the deductibility of your contribution, if needed.
2. Make by wire transfer by contacting Dave Welker, Finance Director, at (919) 715-8719 or [dwelker@nclm.org](mailto:dwelker@nclm.org). We will provide a letter regarding the deductibility of your contribution, if needed.
3. Contribute at our GoFundMe page found at <https://www.gofundme.com/hometown-care-disaster-relief>. You will receive a letter regarding the deductibility of your contribution from GoFundMe since we have registered as a valid 501(c)(3) contribution.

We recognize that recovery from disasters the scope of Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael will not be easy or quick, but NCLM is dedicated to helping member cities and towns in any way that we can. We thank you for any assistance that you can provide.

Sincerely,



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President, N.C. League of Municipalities



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