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June 22, 2016

Mr. Timothy R. F. Skaggs
Director, Disaster Field Operations Center-East
U.S. Small Business Administration
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RE: Request for Economic Injury Declaration for Orange County, Florida

Dear Mr. Skaggs:

During the early morning hours of June 12, 2016, a terrorist proclaimed his allegiance to ISIS and opened fire at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida. At least 49 people were killed, and more than 50 people were injured during the attack.

As part of the investigation into this terrorist attack, law enforcement agencies sealed off the immediate area surrounding the nightclub, causing several businesses to close.

Clearly, this tragedy has severely impacted the businesses located within the immediate vicinity of the nightclub, as well as those throughout the Orlando metropolitan area, which is a destination point for both domestic and international tourism.

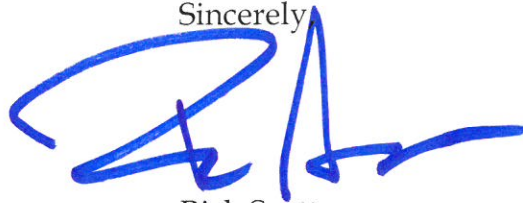
As part of the response to this event, the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity conducted preliminary economic assessments of businesses in the area. Attached are the results of economic impact surveys for eight businesses in the immediate vicinity of the nightclub. In the coming days and weeks, I expect to identify many more businesses that have experienced significant economic injury due to this incident.

Based on this information, and consistent with 13 CFR 123.3(a)(5), I hereby certify that at least five (5) businesses have sustained significant economic injury as a direct result of this tragedy. Accordingly, I request that the SBA make an Economic Injury declaration for Orange County and offer low-interest SBA disaster loans to affected businesses that qualify.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you need additional information, please contact Evan Rosenberg, Bureau Chief of Recovery, Florida Division of Emergency Management, at (850) 528-7526.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", with a large, stylized initial "R" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rick Scott
Governor