



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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Dear University Presidents:

Last week, I activated the Florida National Guard to assist thousands of state and local law enforcement and first responders prepare and respond to Hurricane Michael. Guardsmen across the state were called upon to leave their homes, families, jobs, and studies to support our state. Floridians across the Panhandle need these brave men and women now more than ever as they work side by side to execute emergency response actions across the state, including life-saving search and rescue missions, delivery of critical resources, removal of debris from our roads, and staffing emergency shelters for Floridians who are unable to return to their homes.

The impacts of Hurricane Michael will require the Florida National Guard's extended presence in communities throughout the Panhandle, and I ask for your continued patience. Please remain mindful of your students who continue to serve during this disaster. Many of these students may not immediately be able to return to their studies because of their selfless service, and I ask that you do everything possible to accommodate those men and women who are working to serve the Panhandle families that are relying on them during this time of crisis. I appreciate your support of the Florida National Guard.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor