



**FEMA**

April 24, 2022

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor of Florida  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

This is in response to your February 24, 2022, appeal for a major disaster declaration for the State of Florida as a result of severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes on January 16, 2022. You specifically appealed the denial of your request for Individual Assistance for Lee and Charlotte Counties.

After a thorough review of all the information contained in your initial request and appeal, we reaffirm our original findings that the impact from this event is not of the severity and magnitude that warrants a major disaster declaration. Therefore, I must inform you that your appeal for a major disaster declaration is denied.

FEMA's Region IV Regional Administrator will communicate any additional resources that may be available through Other Federal Agencies and/or volunteer organizations to address unmet needs for survivor assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deanne Criswell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Deanne Criswell  
Administrator