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FLORIDA GOVERNOR JEB BUSH SUPPORTS DONATION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR CARIBBEAN NATIONS

Miami, Florida – July 22, 2005. In a letter directed at the members of **AmericasRelief**, Florida Governor Jeb Bush has expressed his strong support of economic and social development in the Caribbean, and has encouraged the members of **AmericasRelief Team** to provide humanitarian assistance to alleviate suffering and help the region recover from the devastation created by hurricanes.

Governor Bush stated that “these contributions foster goodwill and strengthen Florida’s relationship with our neighbors in the Caribbean”. He added that the Florida Association of Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA) “stands ready to support the recovery endeavors”.

AmericasRelief Team members are presently conducting assessment of damage in preparation for a coordinated effort to provide relief supplies and technical assistance to the countries impacted by hurricanes Dennis and Emily.

AmericasRelief is a private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends in times of crisis and disasters. Americas Relief Team reacts to immediate crisis, provides ongoing logistics assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief.

AmericasRelief Team members include: Carnival Corp., FedEx Latin America, Florida Stevedoring, JAN Warehousing & Distribution, G.O.A.L., Lucent Technologies, Pharmed Group, POMTOC, and Seaboard Marine. NGO Collaborators include: Feed the Children, Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean (FAVACA), Harvest International, Pan America Development Foundation (PADF), and World Vision South Florida. **AmericasRelief** also collaborates with a number of other companies and non profit organizations.

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Dear Dr. Babun:

Through the leadership of the Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA), I learned that AmericasRelief members, including non-profit organizations and corporations, are prepared to send relief supplies and technical assistance to countries impacted by the recent hurricane. As a strong supporter of economic and social development in the Caribbean, I encourage your membership to provide humanitarian assistance to alleviate suffering and help the region recover from the devastation of the recent storms.

During last year's unprecedented hurricane season, AmericasRelief members collaborated to provide more than \$18 million in supplies and services to the affected countries. These contributions foster goodwill and strengthen Florida's relationship with our neighbors in the Caribbean.

Please accept my firm support for AmericasRelief and, as you already know, FAVACA stands ready to support the recovery endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb Bush".

Jeb Bush



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