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Dear Prince George's County Residents:

As you know, the reports and photos coming in from the coast along the Gulf of Mexico have been distressing. The devastation from Hurricane Katrina in a multi-state area including Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama may make this storm the most devastating and expensive natural disaster in the history of America. According to the latest reports, the death toll may reach into the thousands and the property loss will certainly reach into the billions of dollars.

Many of our county residents have families and friends in the affected areas. Our hearts go out to them and we pray for the safety of the millions of people who have been impacted by this event.

Just last December, when a devastating tsunami hit Southeast Asia, the residents of Prince George's County responded generously to our call for action by offering their time and money to the relief efforts. The unfolding events that began just three days ago tell us that we must respond in a similar fashion.

I believe now, more than ever, we must take immediate action to assist and support our fellow Americans. Your county government and its employees are also doing their part. I have asked the employees of Prince George's County to make donations to the American Red Cross, and I know we will respond as we have in the past.

I am asking each and every one of us to look inside ourselves and to donate what they can afford in this effort. Please send your tax-deductible donations to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 97089, Washington, D.C. 20090-7089. You can also volunteer with the call center or perform other valuable volunteer services for the American Red Cross by calling 1-800-435-7669. Our county website, www.goprincegeorgescounty.com, also has a link to learn more about donating money or volunteering.

This is our opportunity to share some of the wonderful blessings and gifts we have received with those in great need. We are Gorgeous Prince George's because of our people and their generosity to others.

Thank you for taking the time to help.

Sincerely,

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