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OFFICE OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER BOB HENRIQUEZ ACCEPTING PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORTS AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE IDALIA

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TAMPA, FL – The office of Hillsborough County Property Appraiser Bob Henriquez is now accepting online property damage reports from citizens of the county who may have suffered losses resulting from Hurricane Idalia.

"We understand that many of our citizens have been affected by Hurricane Idalia," Henriquez said. "We want to make it as easy as possible for them to report damage to their property and ensure they're able to receive any tax protections due to them by state law when making repairs to or replacing their property."

Property owners can report property damage online now by visiting the HCPA website page established for this purpose at: <u>https://dmz.hcpafl.org/storm/</u>

It is important for property owners to document any damage with photographs and other records for the HCPA to assist them with any potential property tax protections. The HCPA will review all damage reports and, if possible, adjust ad valorem property values as needed.

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 31, the HCPA will also be accepting phone calls regarding property damage at 813-272-6100 during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.). Alternatively, citizens can chat live online with an HCPA representative from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. starting Aug. 31 by going to the HCPA website at www.hcpafl.org

Henriquez will be available to the media for interviews regarding the reporting of property damage assessment on Thursday, Aug. 31, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please use the media contact information listed above to schedule interviews.

In addition, Mr. Henriquez's office will be accepting phone calls starting Thursday, Aug. 31, to answer questions regarding the recent mailing of notices of proposed taxes, as well as any other questions citizens may have regarding property assessment by the HCPA.

About the HCPA

The Hillsborough County Property Appraiser is an elected official charged with the duty and responsibility to appraise all property in the County. This includes real estate and tangible personal property (the equipment, machinery, and fixtures) of businesses. For more information, visit <u>hcpafl.org</u>

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