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GOV. SCOTT: CAT 4 HURRICANE MATTHEW IS LIFE THREATENING; FLORIDIANS MUST REMAIN VIGILANT

NAPLES, Fla. – Today, Governor Scott was briefed by the Florida Division of Emergency Management on Hurricane Matthew, a major category 4 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 140 miles per hour.

Governor Rick Scott said, "As Hurricane Matthew moves through the Caribbean this weekend, it's a very dangerous storm and life threatening. We haven't seen a storm of this magnitude approach our state in a very long time. While the National Hurricane Center's forecast continues to show the track of the storm east of our state, it's too soon to rule out impacts to Florida. We know how fast the track of a storm can change, and I urge everyone in Florida to prepare this weekend for any impacts this storm may bring. Even if it does not directly hit our state, we will likely see strong winds, rip currents and beach erosion all along the east coast of our state. I will continue to monitor this storm throughout the weekend to ensure Florida is prepared and ready to respond. If you don't have a plan, please visit FLGetAPlan.com so that you and your family can get prepared."

Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Bryan Koon said, "Hurricane Matthew's exact pathway is continuing to develop, but we know this is a large and especially powerful storm which is expected to remain a major hurricane as it nears Florida. Do not get complacent. Understand that this storm is large enough and powerful enough for it produce strong rip currents and severe weather, even without making direct landfall in Florida. Visit FLGetAPlan.com to ensure you and your family are prepared."

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