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**FEMA Denies Emergency Declaration for – July 2017 Flooding  
SBA Disaster Declaration to Provide Limited Assistance**

Auburn, NY – Following the denial of a FEMA Federal Disaster Declaration for the July 2017 storms that affected four New York Counties, including several communities in southern Cayuga County, Governor Andrew Cuomo requested a United States Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Declaration. SBA Administrator Linda McMahon subsequently announced that businesses and residents affected by severe storms and flooding from July 1 through July 24, 2017 can apply for low-interest disaster loans from the SBA. Homeowners, renters, businesses and private nonprofit organizations in Southern Cayuga and contiguous counties (Onondaga, Tompkins, Seneca and Cortland) may be eligible for Federal disaster loan assistance. Municipal governments, however, will not receive any assistance.

“Over the last 20 years, FEMA has declared similar multi-day storms on at least 7 occasions,” said Patrick V. Mahunik, Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature. “Denying our communities financial assistance for the costs associated with responding to these events is a \$4 Million hit that has to be absorbed by the local and county taxpayers.”

“Although we are disappointed that FEMA denied the request for a Federal Declaration, we appreciate the Governor’s support throughout appeal, as well his request for SBA assistance, said “J. Justin Woods, County Administrator. “We hope the SBA’s presence will provide some relief to our residents and businesses affected by the July disaster.”

SBA’s customer service representatives will be in Cayuga County to answer questions about the disaster loan program and help individuals complete their applications. The Disaster Loan Outreach Center will be located at the **Moravia Fire Department, 38 Keeler Avenue, Moravia**, starting Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, and will be open during the following hours:

Tuesday	February 20, 2018	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday	February 21, 2018	9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Thursday	February 22, 2018	9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Friday,	February 23, 2018	9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday	February 24, 2018	10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Monday	February 26, 2018	9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Tuesday	February 27, 2018	9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at [Disasterloan.sba.gov](http://Disasterloan.sba.gov). Businesses and individuals may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or by emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Loan applications can also be downloaded at [Disasterloan.sba.gov](http://Disasterloan.sba.gov). Completed applications should be returned to the center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. The filing deadline to submit applications for physical property damage is **April 16, 2018**. The deadline for economic injury applications is **Nov. 13, 2018**.

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