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City of Meriden Reminds Residents of Relief Efforts for Puerto Rico

MERIDEN- In September of 2017, Hurricane Maria a powerful Category 4 hurricane with 150 mph winds made direct landfall on Puerto Rico, bisecting the entire island and drenching it with feet of rain. Since the Hurricane, it has been truly catastrophic for Puerto Rico's recovery. Just yesterday a 6.4 magnitude earthquake jolted southern Puerto Rico, causing damage to homes, cutting power lines and water services. In efforts to offer support, the City of Meriden is providing residents with information of all ongoing initiatives and coalitions from across the state who are directly involved with providing disaster relief support to Puerto Rico.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has deployed resources in support of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. FEMA leadership remains in close coordination with Commonwealth and local officials to gain situational awareness and facilitate any needed support. For a list of shelters and other important information from local officials, visit <u>www.manejodeemergencias.pr.gov</u> or call the Puerto Rico Emergency Management and Disaster Administration Bureau at 787-724-0124 for information on available shelter. Additional earthquake safety and preparedness information is available at <u>Ready.gov</u> and <u>Listo.gov</u>.

For additional information on relief and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico, please visit the City of Meriden website.

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