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IN PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE LAURA, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NUNGESSER URGES LOUISIANANS TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH DISASTER RECOVERY

BATON ROUGE, La. – As the state prepares for Hurricane Laura, Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser is asking people to lend a hand to their fellow Louisianans to help with recovery efforts following the storm.

"We anticipate extensive damage throughout much of Louisiana in the path of Hurricane Laura and I'm encouraging everyone to either volunteer their time or make a donation to assist in recovery efforts. If ever there was a time for us to be there for our neighbors and show the world we are *Louisiana Strong*, this is it," said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. "This response and recovery will be especially challenging due to the pandemic, so it will be critical for everyone to continue following all safety precautions and recommendations."

Once hurricane conditions have passed and rescue operations have ended, volunteers will be needed for weeks and months to come. People can learn how to volunteer safely during the COVID19 situation, view <u>current disaster recovery volunteer needs</u>, search volunteer opportunities with disaster response organizations, and find ways to donate to the relief efforts at <u>www.VolunteerLouisiana.gov</u> and by following Volunteer Louisiana on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

Volunteer Louisiana will continue to update opportunities as they become available. Non-profit and faith-based organizations in need of volunteers can contact <u>VolunteerLouisiana@crt.la.gov</u> to list their opportunities.

Volunteer Louisiana, located in the Office of Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, manages 16 AmeriCorps State programs, promotes volunteerism, and coordinates spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers in times of disaster. It is supported by grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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