

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A.E. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Fairfield

*Contiguous Counties:*

- Connecticut: Litchfield, New Haven
- New York: Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.500
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.750
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.770
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.385
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.385
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15416 5 and for economic injury is 15417 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Connecticut, New York.

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Dated: January 2, 2018.

**Linda E. McMahon,**  
Administrator.

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15431 and #15432; VERMONT Disaster Number VT-00034]**

**Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Vermont**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the presidential declaration of a major disaster for public assistance only for the state of Vermont (FEMA-4356-DR), dated 01/02/2018.

*Incident:* Severe Storm and Flooding.  
*Incident Period:* 10/29/2017 through 10/30/2017.

**DATES:** Issued on 01/02/2018.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/05/2018.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 10/02/2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 01/02/2018, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Addison, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Washington, Windham

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 154316 and for economic injury is 154320.

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**Jerome Edwards,**  
Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15427 and #15428; MAINE Disaster Number ME-00049]**

**Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Maine**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the presidential declaration of a major disaster for public assistance only for the state of Maine (FEMA-4354-DR), dated 01/02/2018.

*Incident:* Severe Storm and Flooding.  
*Incident Period:* 10/29/2017 through 11/01/2017.

**DATES:** Issued on 01/02/2018.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/05/2018.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 10/02/2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 01/02/2018, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo, York

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 154276 and for economic injury is 154280.

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**Jerome Edwards,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15425 and #15426; CALIFORNIA Disaster Number CA-00283]**

**Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of California**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the presidential declaration of a major disaster for public assistance only for the state of California (FEMA-4353-DR), dated 01/02/2018.

*Incident:* Wildfires.

*Incident Period:* 12/04/2017 and continuing.

**DATES:** Issued on 01/02/2018.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/05/2018.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 10/02/2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 01/02/2018, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Santa Barbara, Ventura.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 154255 and for economic injury is 154260.

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**Jerome Edwards,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15418 and #15419; LOUISIANA Disaster Number LA-00079]**

**Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Louisiana**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Louisiana dated 01/02/2018.

*Incident:* Tropical Storm Harvey.

*Incident Period:* 08/27/2017 through 09/10/2017.

**DATES:** Issued on 01/02/2018.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 03/05/2018.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 10/02/2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Calcasieu

*Contiguous Counties:*

Louisiana: Beauregard, Cameron,

Jefferson Davis  
Texas: Newton, Orange  
The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.500
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.750
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.610
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.305
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.305
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15418 B and for economic injury is 15419 O.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Louisiana, Texas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: January 2, 2018.

**Linda E. McMahan,**  
*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 10265]**

**Secretary of State's Determination Under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998**

The Secretary of State's designation of "countries of particular concern" for religious freedom violations. Pursuant to Section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-292), as amended (the Act), notice is hereby given that, on December 22, 2017, the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has designated each of the following as a "country of particular concern" (CPC) under section 402(b) of the Act, for having engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom: Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The Secretary simultaneously designated the following Presidential Actions for these CPCs: