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**FCUL LAUNCHES ADOPT-AN-AFFECTED CREDIT UNION PROGRAM**

Tallahassee—In light of the human tragedy unfolding in Louisiana and Mississippi in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Florida Credit Union League has launched a program to encourage its affiliated credit unions to adopt a credit union in the affected area. According to FCUL President/CEO Guy M. Hood this might include operational needs, family and personal needs of the family of volunteers and staff. Hood said this might also include the idea of supporting economic reconstruction of the area, with lending programs that could support the local community needs.

To set the tone for such a program, FCUL is “adopting” the staff of the Louisiana and Mississippi Leagues, to provide a direct and personal approach to helping rebuild families and lives.

Hood said that household items such as linens, bedding, kitchen items, clothes and food can be addressed once the housing dilemma is somewhat resolved.

“I, along with others on our staff, have offered our homes to any of those League employees who can live in Tallahassee for a while,” said Hood, “and work from our League office.

Hood said the situation along the Gulf Coast remains in turmoil.

“This is a disaster of unimaginable proportions,” said Hood. “Initially, this will be far more of a humanitarian effort than even our Florida experiences from last year. The restoration of credit union operations in the affected areas will be addressed as the people who operate them get back on their feet.”

Florida credit unions interested in adopting a credit union are encouraged to contact FCUL. Once a representative list of credit unions is assembled, Hood will contact the two state leagues and match the list with a list of affected credit unions.

“Undoubtedly, there will be additional thoughts and opportunities to provide support over the next few days and weeks,” he said. “We will remain alert to these as they occur.”