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## HUDGENS: INSURED LOSSES FROM HURRICANE MICHAEL NEARS \$700 MILLION

**Atlanta** -- Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens says reported insured losses from Hurricane Michael have climbed to more than \$696 million, with insurers reporting approximately 68,000 claims filed so far.

"My Department continues to have conversations with insurers to ensure a smooth claims process for the victims of Hurricane Michael," Commissioner Hudgens said.

The estimate is based on claims data reported to the Department by property and casualty insurance companies from damage to insured homes, vehicles, and businesses. Commissioner Hudgens pointed out that flood damage to vehicles are included in the reporting.

Department of Insurance Consumer Claims Specialists assists residents of storm-damaged communities daily with claims issues and other insurance questions. If you have questions about your claim, or if you are experiencing difficulty reaching your insurance company, call our Consumer Hotline at 800-656-2298. Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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