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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Last Resort Shelter In Clewiston Open At 1pm**

**(Septemebr 9, 2017, 1pm) – LaBelle, Fla.** – East Hendry County will be opening a refuge of **LAST RESORT** at the Clewiston High School, located at 1501 S. Francisco Street at 1pm, Saturday September 9, 2017.

The mandatory evacuation zone includes the City of Clewiston, Hookers Point, Harlem, Flaghole, Montura Ranch Estates and the communities located within the Mid-County MSBU which includes Ladeca, Pioneer Plantation and Leon-Dennis Subdivision (Al Don Farming Road).

This shelter is **NOT** for people from the mandatory evacuation zone who are already in a shelter. This is a **LAST RESORT** shelter for those who have not already sought shelter.

If you are already in a shelter, do **NOT** leave and relocate

This is not an extended stay shelter. The refuge of last resort at Clewiston High School will open Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 1pm. It will close when the wind speed drops below 40 mph.

No services will be available at this site as it is only a refuge of **LAST RESORT**.

If you are already in a shelter, do **NOT** leave and relocate. **THIS COULD PUT MANY LIVES AT RISK.** It is very important that you respect this order as emergency personnel will not respond once sustained winds hit 35mph.

Tropical storm force winds are expected by this evening at 8pm. Outer bands from the storm are already moving through the area.

Residents who need to evacuate to shelter are urged to do so **IMMEDIATELY**.

Again, this is a LAST RESORT shelter for those in the mandatory evacuation zone who have not yet evacuated.

**Pets are allowed in the Clewiston High School Shelter but MUST be crated.**

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Hendry County has established a hotline for residents with questions and concerns regarding Hurricane Irma. The number for this hotline is [863-674-5410](tel:863-674-5410).

As more information on transportation and shelters becomes available, the County will continue to update residents.

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*(Please feel free to contact us for an interview, discussion or questions.)*