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## STATEMENT FROM DAVID HALSTEAD Interim Director

### Regarding the 2010 Hurricane Outlook announced by Colorado State University's Hurricane Forecast Team on April 7, 2010

"With the start of the 2010 hurricane season just around the corner, the forecast of above-average seasonal activity today by Colorado State University's Hurricane Forecast Team should serve as a reminder to start preparing for hurricane season. All Floridians should '*Get A Plan!*' and be prepared for any disaster. As Hurricane Andrew demonstrated in 1992 it only takes one hurricane to impact our great state and make it a bad season. Many forget that Andrew was the first named storm and only major hurricane of the otherwise inactive Atlantic hurricane season.

It is important that we treat all tropical systems with respect and prepare for the upcoming hurricane season with the focus on preparing to be a survivor – not a victim. I also urge you to check with a neighbor and make sure they have what they need to be prepared as well. Together, we can lessen the terrible impacts of these storms.

If you have a plan and a disaster supply kit, now is the time to review, recycle and restock for 2010. To '*Get A Plan!*' for your family or business, go to [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org) today. The safety of your family depends on you taking responsibility to prepare to the best of your ability."

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