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## **JUNE 2019**

**Dear Friends & Neighbors,**

May has been a busy month delivering legislative updates to numerous municipalities, HOA's and current events clubs as well as local political groups. It was my first year being your State Senator and I continue to be honored to have the privilege to represent you in our legislature.

### **District**

### **Happenings**

This month marked many special occasions, including Mother's Day, Mental Health Awareness Month and Memorial Day. It has also been a time of graduations.

It was an honor to deliver for the second consecutive year the keynote address at one of the Keiser University graduations. Graduations are emotional ceremonies and it is always a joy to wish the students well as they commence the next phase of their lives.



At Keiser University's Spring 2019 graduation ceremony

This past month I also attended the Palm Beach County League of Cities Annual Installation luncheon. Congratulations to Jeff Hmara, Royal Palm Beach Councilman who is the new President for 2019-2020. A new board including 1<sup>st</sup>VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Secretary/Treasurer were also installed, and I wish them all success in their new positions.



### **Summertime Happenings/Hurricane Preparedness**

As the official start of summer approaches, please be aware of everyday reminders such as pool safety, including locking fences and gates, swimming with a lifeguard on duty, and not going into the ocean when there are rip current warnings in effect.

Further, the dreaded words “hurricane season” need to be heeded as well. The recent tornadoes in the Midwest are an honest reminder that we must have a plan in place. Thankfully, one difference for us is that we have plenty of warning and time to prep and we should plan wisely. That being said, a Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday was voted on by the Legislature this past session, so take advantage of the opportunities to purchase items you may need.

# Disaster Preparedness 2019 Sales Tax Holiday

## \$10 or less

- Reusable ice (ice packs)

## \$20 or less

- Any portable self-powered light source:
  - flashlights
  - lanterns
  - candles

## \$25 or less

- Any gas or diesel fuel container, including LP gas and kerosene containers

## \$30 or less

- Batteries, including rechargeable batteries, listed sizes only (excluding automobile and boat batteries):
  - AA and AAA
  - C-cell
  - D-cell
  - 6-volt
  - 9-volt
- Coolers and ice chests
  - (food-storage; non electrical)

## \$50 or less

- Tarpaulins (tarps)
- Visqueen, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Ground anchor systems
- Tie-down kits
- Bungee cords
- Ratchet straps
- Radios (powered by battery, solar or hand crank)
  - Two-way
  - Weather band

## \$750 or less

- Portable generators used to provide light or communications, or to preserve food in the event of a power outage

## Always Exempt

- Bottled water (unflavored, uncarbonated)
- Canned food, including meats, vegetables, fruits, peanut butter, and other nonperishable items
- First aid kits
- Prescription and non-prescription medications
  - (all Rx and most over the counter are exempt)
- Baby food and formulas

# May 31 - June 6

[FloridaRevenue.com/DisasterPrep](http://FloridaRevenue.com/DisasterPrep)

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Flexible Film Recycling Group (FFRG) have formed a public-private partnership designed to increase opportunities for residents and businesses to recycle plastic wraps, bags, and film. This new Wrap Recycling Action Program (WRAP) partnership encourages greater participation in plastic film packaging recycling. Check out [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org) to learn more about what your city or county collects.

Wishing each of you and your families continued health and happiness as we enter June.

Enjoy your summer!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Berman" followed by a horizontal line.

Lori Berman, State Senator District 31

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