

## National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution on Federal Emergency Relief Funding



**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has approved billions of dollars for emergency assistance for people affected by disasters like floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, and other federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, in several states, private companies have been contracted to manage and disburse federal emergency assistance funds. However, in Puerto Rico, after Hurricanes Irma and Maria, these companies have approved and disbursed emergency relief funds to only 2% of the applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, it seems those private companies rejected thousands of applications of people who qualified for the emergency relief funding without any valid reasons.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Federation of Democratic Women asks Congress to investigate the performance of the private companies contracted to administer federal emergency relief funds and investigate whether there is discrimination or mismanagement in their application approval process.