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Attn: Dr. Gene Tyre,
Providence Baptist Church
6402 Campbellton-Redwine Rd
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Re: Hurricane Irma response

Dear Dr. Tyre;

I just wanted to reach out to thank you and your entire church family for the amazing support that you and they have once again offered to the citizens of Chattahoochee Hills, and especially to the men and women of the Public Safety and Public Works crews that work on behalf of those citizens for the City.

I was involved in many meetings leading up to the storm, and was continually awed by the level of preparedness, thoughtfulness, and comprehensiveness of our response. Our team, led by Chief Brett, was so, so prepared for any eventuality. And David, Kay and so many others at your church had done so much work to be sure that – no matter what happened – we would be prepared to feed, house, and otherwise aid anyone affected or displaced by the storm, and to support all of the people who would be working to rescue or otherwise sustain them in their time of need.

We were blessed that the storm wasn't as bad as it was forecast to be – but had it been, your congregation and your facility was ready. As it was, your feeding and otherwise caring for our hardworking Police, Fire and Public Works crews was a hugely appreciated by all of them – I've heard such love and gratitude!

Please accept my humblest thanks, to you, your volunteers, and the whole church; for your leadership, your support last week, and for *all* that the Providence Church family does, on behalf of a grateful City government and a grateful community. The good people of Providence Church represent the best of what unselfish giving brings to a community, and I love them for it.

Thank you,

Tom Reed
Mayor, City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia