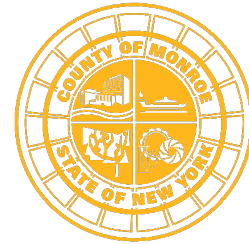




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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES HURRICANE FIONA RELIEF EFFORT FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Relief effort in partnership with Ibero-American Action League.

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today is urging the community to contribute needed items for those affected by Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico and in the Dominican Republic. Working with Ibero-American Action League (Ibero), drop boxes have been set up around the county for donations of items such as soap, toothpaste, flashlights, batteries and over-the-counter medications.

“Many are still without power ten days after Fiona pounded Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic with high winds and more than 30 inches of rain,” **said County Executive Bello**. “Many of our residents have family and loved ones in Puerto Rico and in the Dominican Republic who need our help. Like this community did for Ukraine, I know our county residents will show their concern and generosity again. My thanks to Ibero for their help mobilizing this effort.”

Items needed include:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Toilet paper
- Sanitary pads
- Deodorant
- Brushes/combs
- Batteries
- Solar lamps
- Flashlights
- Water filters
- OTC medicine
- Detergent
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

The drop off sites include locations at the Monroe County Clerk’s office and at Ibero.

“The damage from hurricanes lasts far longer than the initial burst of rain and wind, and it is critically important that Monroe County continue to stand by Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic as they recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Fiona,” **said Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo**. “We have welcomed thousands from both countries as our friends and neighbors here in Monroe County following the devastation of Hurricane Maria, and I know that we will continue to support our friends and neighbors rebuild today. I encourage everyone to show their support by donating to the County’s donation drive.”

“The needs of the people impacted by Hurricane Fiona will be ongoing as islands such as Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and Cuba were all impacted. We were concerned with our ability to manage donations but County Executive Bello and our dedicated partners at Monroe County quickly responded,” said **Angelica Perez-Delgado, President and CEO of Ibero**. “This collaboration will allow all of our community partners the ability to accept donated items to support disaster relief efforts. Our community is grateful.”

Drop-off sites:

- Monroe County Office Building, 39 W. Main Street
- Monroe County Department of Human Services, 691 St. Paul #1
- Monroe County Department of Human Services, 111 Westfall Road
- Monroe County Hospital, 435 E. Henrietta Road
- Ibero-American Action League, 817 E. Main St.
- Ibero Community Resource Center, 216 Clifford Ave.

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