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## **Palmetto Bay Mayor Eugene Flinn Issues Statement Regarding Haiti Disaster *Village Encourages Residents to Donate Cash Only at This Time to Catholic Charities and American Red Cross***

**PALMETTO BAY, Fla.**, (Jan. 13, 2010) – Mayor Eugene Flinn and the entire Village Council and staff express their deep concern over the devastation that took place Tuesday in Port-au-Prince Haiti.

"It is with great sadness that I learned of the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti Tuesday evening," said Mayor Flinn, "On behalf of the residents and the elected officials of the Village of Palmetto Bay, I extend our hand to the people of Haiti that are suffering as a result of this tragedy. Our prayers continue to be with those that are affected."

Mayor Flinn also stated that while the Village wishes to support the relief effort, we are presently following the lead of Florida State Governor Charlie Crist and Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez as specified in a statement issued Wednesday by encouraging residents to participate by donating cash only to designated relief agencies now mobilizing in the island nation.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Palmetto Bay is working with Miami-Dade County and other local agencies on a unified relief effort. Once additional details are available, information will be released on how you may further participate.

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*Incorporated in 2002, **The Village of Palmetto Bay** is a vibrant community of 25,000 residents nestled between Biscayne Bay and So. Dixie Highway, about 15 miles south of downtown Miami. The Village is governed by a five-member Council and operates under a Council-Manager form of government. Dubbed "The Village of Parks," Palmetto Bay offers an extensive system of attractive parks, unique recreational opportunities, and bay access. It also is home to several excellent public schools, and a robust commercial corridor along Dixie Highway offering a diverse range of restaurants, markets, and lodging. Specifically, the Village extends from the centerline of SW 136 St., south to the centerline of SW 184 St., expanding west to the centerline of South Dixie Highway (including the center island), and east to Biscayne Bay.*

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