Hello HRT,

As an FYI, Gov. DeSantos has declared a state of emergency for 33 counties, including Sarasota County. He "signed an Executive Order issuing a state of emergency out of an abundance of caution to ensure that the Florida Division of Emergency Management can begin staging resources and Floridians have plenty of time to prepare their families for a storm next week."

Please continue to monitor the storm and look for my update emails. As a reminder, today is the beginning of the period to purchase disaster preparation items. Please see attached for a list of the tax-free items.

Thanks, Mary