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Port of Palm Beach Waives Cargo Charges for Hurricane Relief Efforts

On Thursday, October 20, 2016, the Port of Palm Beach Board of Commissioners agreed to waive all cargo fees for Caribbean humanitarian relief supply shipments for six months. This decision was made at the port's Board of Commissioner meeting, and is in response to the devastating effects Hurricane Matthew had on Haiti and the Bahamas. Port tenants, such as Tropical Shipping, Monarch Shipping and others, have already begun donating goods and shipping to the Caribbean.

"It is important we offer assistance to our neighbors in the Caribbean swiftly," explains Port Chairman Wayne M. Richards. "We know that in the months ahead, Haiti and the Bahamas will suffer shortages in food, water and medical supplies. By waiving fees, we can ensure the islands get the supplies they truly need to not just survive the storm's aftermath but resume normalcy."

Port Chairman Richards and Commissioner Jean L. Enright will join Riviera Beach Mayor Thomas Masters and approximately 30 doctors in Haiti to deliver aid being collected now through drives in Riviera Beach and Lake Worth. This drive is also made possible through the donation of two 20-foot containers from Teeters Agency & Stevedoring, a long-time family owned tenant of the Port of Palm Beach.

For more information on donations needed and drive locations, please visit:

<http://www.newlife4kids.com/> .

About Port of Palm Beach

Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. The port serves as a lifeline to the island nations to the east, exporting more than 60% of the goods found within the Caribbean Basin.