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Chairman James E. Ball
Baldwin County Administration
322 Courthouse Square
Bay Minette, AL 36507

Subject: Baldwin Co EMA Recommendation: Southern Star Search and Rescue, Inc.

Dear Chairman Ball,

Southern Star Search and Rescue, Inc. is requesting recognition by the Baldwin County Commission to become eligible to draw surplus equipment from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) warehouse.

Southern Star received IRS exemption under 501(c)(3) in 2022 and has been providing search and rescue services since then. With 9 nationally certified SAR canines, they offer a unique capability to benefit the residents of Baldwin County.

I have reviewed their packet submitted to the commission and am fully satisfied with its completeness and adherence to the Commission's requirements, including membership in good standing with the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads. I concur with their request for Commission recognition.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (251) 525-6556 or via email at tom.tyler@baldwincountyal.gov.

Sincerely,

Tom Tyler
Director
Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency

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