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Tax Collector Mike Fasano Announces that a Food and Donation Drive Has Begun to Assist Active Members of the United States Coast Guard

Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, the Pasco Tax Collector's offices are accepting donations to help members of the United States Coast Guard and their families. Donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, gift cards and cash can be made at any of the five offices listed below. Cash and gift cards will be accepted at the front counter, the first stop in each office. Food items can be placed in the collection box which will be located in the front lobby of each office.

"While Washington plays politics with the federal budget, the reality back home is that the brave men and women who patrol our shoreline, catch drug smugglers, help stranded boaters and perform a host of other tasks to keep us safe are going without pay," states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "Even though the paychecks have stopped coming, the rent and mortgage bills, car payments, childcare expenses, groceries bills and the whole litany of expenses we all deal with on a daily basis have not stopped. It is our hope to make this difficult time a little easier for the members of the Coast Guard and their families to endure."

The following is a list of tax collector offices in Pasco County that will be accepting donations:

Gulf Harbors Office – 4720 U.S. Highway 19, New Port Richey 34652

Tax Collector's Office in the West Pasco Government Center – 8731 Citizens Drive, Room 120, New Port Richey 34654

Land O' Lakes Office – 4135 Land O' Lakes Blvd (U.S. Highway 41), Land O' Lakes 34635

Wesley Chapel Office – 4610 Pet Lane, C-101, Lutz 33559

Tax Collector's Office in the East Pasco Government Center – 14236 – 6th Street, Dade City 33523

For more information regarding the collection campaign, directions to any of the offices or other related questions please visit the Pasco County Tax Collector's website at www.pascotaxes.com , call **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano's** direct line 727-847-8179 or contact the Centralized Call Center at 727-847-8032, 813-235-6076 or 352-521-4338.