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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Camden County Announces Voluntary Evacuation**

WOODBINE, GEORGIA - September 7, 2017 - The Camden County Board of Commissioners, along with the cities of Kingsland, St. Marys, and Woodbine, joined with the Camden County Sheriff's Office, Camden County Schools, and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay to call for a voluntary evacuation for the citizens of Camden County. This voluntary evacuation is effective immediately. Impacts from Hurricane Irma are expected to be felt in Camden County beginning today, September 7, 2017. As the storm gets closer to our area, impacts will continue to amplify. Damaging winds, heavy rain, and flooding are likely. Life threatening storm surge is possible with large destructive surf. These weather conditions are likely to cause downed trees and power outages that could last for several days.

Although we are implementing a voluntary evacuation at this time, you can expect a mandatory evacuation to be undertaken as conditions warrant. Residents should be aware that there are no approved shelters in Camden County due to the potential for flooding. All residents should use caution to heavy congestion on our roadways as a result of other evacuations occurring south of us. Evacuation routes will posted on the homepage of the Camden County website.

The National Hurricane Center forecasts Hurricane Irma will be dangerously close to the Southeastern Region of the State of Georgia. Please continue to monitor the progress of the hurricane through the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center. Regular updates will also be posted to our Facebook pages for Camden County Government and Camden County EMA. Please sign up for CodeRED to receive emergency notifications or call the Camden County Information line at 912-576-3800.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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