



THE ZIKA THREAT ON OUR DOORSTEP

Zika Virus Breeding Grounds Right Here in Hendry County?

The dangerous Zika virus, linked to devastating birth defects, has now been confirmed in **more than seven counties in Florida, including Lee and Broward**. Governor Scott has declared a state of emergency in the affected counties, and the World Health Organization has designated the Zika virus a public health emergency.

Could Hendry County's monkey facilities be placing you at risk?

Zika is transmitted by mosquitoes. Aside from humans, monkeys are the only natural hosts for this dangerous and potentially deadly virus.

Primate Products and other notorious monkey dealers have quietly set up shop in Hendry County. Their facilities import thousands of monkeys who are kept in crowded, decrepit outdoor pens. At Primate Products, pools of standing water, which are perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes, have been found. The Zika virus could spread rapidly through these colonies of monkeys,

especially given their proximity to swamps, lakes, and other waterways, where mosquitoes also thrive. And monkeys may not always show symptoms—they simply harbor the virus.

Let's act now to limit the spread of the Zika virus in Florida before it's too late. It's time to shut these monkey facilities down.

Please contact Florida State Surgeon General John H. Armstrong at 850-245-4444 or FLASurgeonGeneral@flhealth.gov and ask him to close down the monkey-breeding facilities immediately.

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HENDRY COUNTY'S
MONKEY PRISONS**