

## **International Door Association (IDA) Applauds Florida Tax Relief Package**

### ***Tax plan includes two-year sales tax exemption for impact-rated garage doors***

Washington, D.C. (March 14, 2022) – The International Door Association acknowledges the home-hardening elements of the Florida budget, which include an exemption from sales tax for impact-rated garage doors. The exemption will go into effect on July 1, 2022 and continue through June 30, 2024. The measure was championed by Rep. Nick DiCeglie and Sen. Joe Gruters and is intended to provide tax relief to homeowners to “harden” their homes from high wind events. The installation of impact-resistant garage doors, which in Florida also meet the highest standards for wind resistance, will help improve building performance in future storms. The budget provision specifically creates a two-year sales tax exemption on the retail sales of items like impact-resistant windows, doors, and garage doors.

IDA Executive Director Mike Fischer states, “IDA applauds the Florida Legislature for helping to reduce homeowners’ cost to upgrade their garage doors,” adding “Senator Gruters and Rep. DiCeglie have had the vision to bring this initiative forward.”

FEMA reports addressing building performance during hurricanes as far back as Hurricane Andrew in 1992 noted that garage doors, which are typically the largest opening in the home, are an important line of defense against high wind events, and that wind damage to the garage door can compromise the entire structure. Installing new doors that meet today’s standards is one way to safeguard a home from wind events. The sales tax exemption will help encourage Florida homeowners to purchase garage doors that meet the highest standards in Florida when replacing their doors.

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### **About IDA**

The International Door Association (IDA) is a nonprofit trade association representing door and access system dealers and suppliers all over the world. The association includes the large majority of garage door dealers, manufacturers and individual technicians in the door and access system industry, and provides resources in the name of advocacy, education and collaboration with likeminded organizations. IDA’s goal is to advance the industry with increased professionalism and product quality unmatched by any other industry.

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