

RESOLUTION 2015-14

A RESOLUTION OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE WALTON COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN 2015 UPDATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida ("Board") created a Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group ("Working Group") comprised of county and municipal representatives, private citizens, and local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board charged the Working Group with the responsibility to assess the hazards facing the county, identify initiatives designed to reduce the impact of those hazards, and develop a Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan ("Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan is intended to provide a strategy to mitigate dangers and costs associated with natural and man-made hazards, address specific mitigation goals of the community and their specific vulnerabilities to hazards, and to provide a priority for mitigation activities before and after a hazardous event; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the Board adopted a Plan developed by the Working Group, which was later updated in 2005; and 2010

WHEREAS, the 2015 update to the Plan includes modifications to establish compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; provides for linkage between many disparate local government documents such as the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, Capital Improvement Plans, the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Building Codes, Land Development Regulations, and Hazardous Materials Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group has completed the hazard assessment and has incorporated their findings and recommendations into the Plan which has been reviewed by the Florida Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency that necessitated revisions and re-adoption of the Plan throughout the county as meeting the criteria for such plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the DeFuniak Springs City Council as follows:

Section 1. Adoption

The DeFuniak Springs City Council hereby accepts and adopts the Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan 2015 Update, to reflect the current needs and citizen desires to identify and implement hazard mitigation initiatives that will reduce the county's susceptibility to numerous hazards, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Section 2. Severability

In the event that any portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the DeFuniak Springs City Council, Florida, at a duly advertised public meeting, this 27th day of July, 2015.

CITY COUNCIL
DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA



Bob Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Loretta Laird, City Clerk