



**TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF
HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE
2024 REVISED PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION
STRATEGY PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County is susceptible to a variety of natural, technological, and human-caused disasters, including but not limited to severe weather, hazardous materials incidents, nuclear power plant emergencies, communicable diseases, and domestic security incidents; as well as climate change impacts and sea level rise that causes increased inundation, shoreline erosion, flooding from severe weather events, and expedited loss of critical habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was enacted to establish a natural disaster hazard mitigation program to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from disasters and to assist state, local, and tribal governments in implementing effective hazard mitigation measures to ensure the continuation of critical services and facilities after a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as a condition for qualifying for and receiving future Federal mitigation assistance funding as well as reimbursement for Presidentially Declared Disasters, requires such governments to have Federal Emergency Management Agency approved hazard mitigation plans in place that identify the hazards that could impact their jurisdictions, identify actions and activities to mitigate the effects of those hazards, and establish a coordinated process to implement plans; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County's Local Mitigation Strategy, in coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of disasters and with input from the private sector and other members of the public, developed the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Local Mitigation Strategy has been approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency subject to adoption by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee recommends form adoption of the 2024 Local Mitigation Strategy, including planned future enhancements described therein by the County and all participating municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. The Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach hereby approves and adopts the 2024 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy Plan (attached hereto as Exhibit A) in its entirety, as revised by the LMS Steering Committee as submitted to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Section 3. The Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach authorizes the appropriate Town Officials to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of proposed mitigation initiatives described in the Local Mitigation Strategy, and upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the actions in accordance with the mitigation strategies set out by the Local Mitigation Strategy.

Section 4. The Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach will continue to support and participate in the Local Mitigation Strategy planning and implementation process as required by Federal Emergency Management agency, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee.

Section 5. The Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach will consider incorporating climate change concerns, sea level rise and natural hazards into the local comprehensive plan and into future reviews of flood prevention regulations and zoning codes.

Section 6. The Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach directs the Town Clerk to transmit an original of the executed Resolution to the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management, attention Local Mitigation Strategy Coordinator, for filing in the Office of the Clerk & Comptroller.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, this
_____ day of _____ 2025.

Natasha Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

**REVIEWED FOR LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:**

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Leonard G. Rubin, Town Attorney

VOTES:

YES NO

Mayor Natasha Moore
Vice Mayor David Stern
Commissioner Evalyn David
Commissioner Donald Peters
Commissioner Judith Goldberg