

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2015 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015 REVISED PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth 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, accelerated saltwater contamination of ground water and surface water supplies, and expedited loss of critical habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, was enacted to establish a national 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 strategic 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, the City of Lake Worth'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 and revised the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 revised Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy has been approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency subject to adoption by the County Board of County Commissioners and the participating municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the LMS Steering Committee recommends the formal adoption of the 2015 Revised Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy, including planned future enhancements described therein, by the County and all 38 participating municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, that:

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 City of Lake Worth hereby approves and adopts the 2015 Revised Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy in its entirety, as revised by the LMS Steering Committee and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, subject to approval by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. The 2015 Revised Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy is hereby incorporated by reference in this resolution and available for review at the City of Lake Worth.

SECTION 3: The City of Lake Worth authorizes the appropriate pursuit of 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, the implementation of actions in accordance with the mitigation strategies set out by the Local Mitigation Strategy.

SECTION 4: The City of Lake Worth 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 City of Lake Worth 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: Upon execution of the Resolution, the City Clerk shall transmit an original of the fully executed Resolution to the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management, attention Local Mitigation Strategy Coordinator (712-6481), for filing in the Office of the Clerk & Comptroller. One fully executed original shall be maintained by the City Clerk as a public record of the City. One copy of the fully executed Resolution shall be provided to the Public Services Director.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The passage of this Resolution was moved by Vice Mayor Maxwell, seconded by Commissioner Amoroso, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Pam Triolo	AYE
Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell	AYE
Commissioner Christopher McVoy	AYE
Commissioner Andy Amoroso	AYE
Commissioner John Szerdi	AYE

Mayor Pam Triolo thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted on the 6th day of January, 2015.

LAKE WORTH CITY COMMISSION

By: 

Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela J. Lopez, City Clerk

