

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2026 LEVY COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY UPDATE; ACKNOWLEDGING COMPLIANCE WITH 44 C.F.R. § 201.6 AND APPLICABLE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SUBMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE ADOPTED PLAN TO THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Levy County, Florida, is vulnerable to human and economic cost of natural technological and societal disasters; and

WHEREAS, Levy County, Florida, realizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and 44 C.F.R. § 201.6 establish requirements for local hazard mitigation planning as a condition of eligibility for certain federal mitigation assistance; and

WHEREAS, 44 C.F.R. § 201.6(c) requires a local mitigation plan to document formal adoption by the governing body of the participating jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Levy County has participated in the development and update of the Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) as a multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan intended to identify and reduce the risks posed by natural hazards and to establish mitigation goals, strategies, and projects for Levy County and the participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Levy County representatives and staff and the Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group have identified a number of proposed projects and program needed to mitigate vulnerabilities to the impacts of future disasters throughout Levy County and have participated in the update to the 2026 Levy County Local Mitigation Update; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy Update was submitted through the Florida Division of Emergency Management ("FDEM") for review pursuant to applicable federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, FDEM issued an Approval Pending Adoption letter dated July 20, 2026 determining that the 2026 Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy Update is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption by the participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County desires to formally adopt the 2026 Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy Update as the County's official local hazard mitigation planning document and to support continued eligibility for applicable federal and state hazard mitigation assistance; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2026 Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy Update does not constitute an appropriation or commitment of County funds for any particular mitigation project, but establishes the County's policy framework for identifying, evaluating, prioritizing, and pursuing mitigation measures and projects consistent with applicable law and available funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that adoption of the 2026 Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy Update is in the best interest of the residents, businesses, public facilities, infrastructure, and communities of Levy County and is consistent with applicable federal and state hazard planning requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Levy County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by reference.
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Levy County hereby adopts the 2026 Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy Update, attached hereto, as the official Local Mitigation Strategy and multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan for Levy County, subject to the requirements of applicable federal and state law.
3. The adopted 2026 Levy County Local Mitigation Strategy is incorporated herein by reference and shall serve as the County's framework for identifying hazards, assessing risks and vulnerabilities, establishing mitigation goals and strategies, and identifying and prioritizing mitigation actions and projects.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida.

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DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, on October 6, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FL

Tim Hodge, Chair

ATTEST: Clerk of the Circuit Court
and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Matt Brooks, Clerk of Courts

Approved as to legal form and sufficiency:

Ray Poole, County Attorney