

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470



AGENDA MEMO

TO: Town Council

FROM: Richard Gallant, E.I., Public Works Director

VIA: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: May 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval on *Resolution No. 2024-26* Authorizing the Required Entry by the Town into the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management

Background:

As the Town of Loxahatchee Groves has experienced and is vulnerable to a wide range of emergencies and natural disasters; service disruptions to the essential services of the Town have been and will continue to be experienced by the Town and its residents. Florida State Statutes chapter 252 allow for local governments to enter into mutual aid agreements with the State for reciprocal emergency aid in the event of a disaster. As major emergencies will stress the resources of the Town, the State provides resources for the Town to receive mutual aid during these times. The State of Florida has a program that, upon adoption of this item, will provide the Town of Loxahatchee Groves the ability to engage with the State on needed resources during times of emergencies and natural disasters. In order for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves to qualify for this aid, the Town is required to adopt the 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement in whole as written. The agreement replaces all previous agreements and will void any previous agreements adopted in the past.

Recommendations:

Approval of *Resolution No. 2024-26* authorizing entry into the 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management.