

## RESOLUTION NO 1045

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDEN, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING AN UPDATED WHATCOM COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, by identifying natural hazards and making plans to take action to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property and implement mitigation measures to recover from a disaster result in a safer and more resilient community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5165, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) (P.L. 106-390), reinforces the importance of mitigation planning, emphasizes planning for disasters before they occur, and provides for local governments to take a risk-based approach to reducing risks to natural hazards through mitigation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, States and communities must have a FEMA approved Local Mitigation Plan in order to apply for and/or receive project grants under established hazard mitigation assistance programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) is a countywide, multi-jurisdictional plan managed by Whatcom County Sheriff Office's Division of Emergency Management. City of Lynden's participation in the development and implementation of this plan fulfills the requirement for a local mitigation plan. The plan must be updated every 5 years and approved by FEMA to remain eligible for federal funding for hazard mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Lynden participated in a collaborative plan update process that began in January 2021 and included a public comment period and three public online workshops hosted by Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management and attended by City staff during March - May 2021. Notice of the public comment period and meetings was posted on the [Whatcom County website](#); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2021, the Washington State Emergency Management Division received notification that FEMA Region 10 has committed to approving the plan, pending documentation of its adoption by participating jurisdictions, including Lynden.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Lynden, Washington, believes it is in the best interests of our citizens to adopt the Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, to be found at the following website location

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDEN BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE,  
\_\_\_\_ IN FAVOR \_\_\_\_\_AGAINST AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS\_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
JANUARY 2022.

MAYOR

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SCOTT KORTHUIS

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK Pamela D. Brown

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY Robert A. Carmichael