Resolution on State Assistance Program

WHEREAS, the State Assistance Program has achieved significant accomplishments with limited dollars; and

WHEREAS, the overall purpose of the State Assistance Program is to use states to:

1. Assist local communities to better implement flood hazard mitigation, and to
2. Assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency in implementing the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, floods continue to be responsible for more than 80% of the disaster losses suffered by this nation; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been made to reduce funding for the State Assistance Program and to reduce the federal flood hazard mapping effort for local communities; and

WHEREAS, these cutbacks will undermine the local/state/federal effort to reduce the nation’s flood losses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of State Floodplain Managers that:

1. FEMA and the Congress carefully analyze the impacts of any cutbacks on flood damage reduction efforts; and

2. FEMA, through the Integrated Emergency Management System, establish an appropriate prominent role for flood hazard reduction in the overall emergency management scheme; and

3. FEMA and the states continue their cooperative effort to reduce federal disaster assistance costs and help local communities understand and administer adequate flood hazard management programs; and

4. FEMA work with the Association of State Floodplain Managers to develop appropriate options to continue to fund state efforts to implement the goals of the National Flood Insurance Program.

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