Resolution on Community Assistance Programs

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) must be properly administered at the local level in order to reduce the nation’s flood damages; and

WHEREAS, proper local administration needs a continuous monitoring and community assistance effort by fulltime program experts; and

WHEREAS, such monitoring and community assistance necessitates a greater effort that can currently be provided by FEMA staff while the State Assistance Program has enabled many states to build a capability and interest to provide such effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Association that:

1. We recognize the excellent report on “State Performance of Community Assistance and Program Evaluation Visits” prepared by the States of Colorado and Wyoming and the FEMA Region VIII Office and we recommend that FEMA consider its findings and recommendations.

2. FEMA should continue to support state efforts with a financial assistance program that focuses on monitoring and community assistance of local NFIP administration.

3. Each FEMA Regional office should be able to negotiate a contract for each state to perform a mix of training, monitoring, site inspections, or enforcement actions with local officials, insurance agents, and lenders as is appropriate for each state’s laws and flooding conditions.

ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 1984, at the annual meeting of the Association of State Floodplain Managers in Portland, Maine.