Resolution on FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program

WHEREAS, floods are the greatest cause of presidential disaster declarations and the greatest cause of FEMA disaster assistance payments;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that without flood hazard mitigation activities, flood damages and federal disaster payments will increase;

WHEREAS, FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program has been shown to be a unique and very productive program to encourage and support new hazard mitigation initiatives at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, FEMA is considering eliminating the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, in spite of its successful track record over a relatively short period of time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of this Association that:

1. It is the policy of this Association to Support continued funding of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program.

2. The Chair will petition the appropriate FEMA officers and request their support for continued funding.

3. The Mitigation Committee is tasked to provide technical information and assistance to FEMA and the Congress on the program’s expenses and benefits

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